

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday November 9, 2020

Select Board Members: William R. Darcy, Chair; Regina Elliott, Kimberli Carpenter

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, road contractor.

These draft minutes of the Town of Benton Select Board are believed accurate and correct, but they are subject to additions, deletions and corrections by the Select Board at the next meeting when the Board votes its final approval of the minutes. These minutes are made available at this time to conform to the requirements of New Hampshire RSA 91-A:2.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:30 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the October 12, 2020 minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

The Board approved retaining the same accounting firm the Town has used the last few years to complete our financial reports to the State and signed the DRA form MS-60W to get a waiver from the State from the obligation to perform a full financial audit or elect an auditor.

The Board reviewed and approved a building permit for the addition to the residence of the Spauldings at 453 Bradley Hill Road and for a new residence for the Bullards at the recently subdivided lot adjacent to Town Hall, both recommended by the Planning Board.

The Board approved setting the tax rate for 2020 at \$17.90 per \$1,000 of property value and the necessary expenditure of the undesignated fund balance (\$65,000) to achieve that tax rate.

The Board discussed the fact that neither the Town nor the Town Clerk applied for COVID grants from the State because our out of pocket expenses were meager. The Board also discussed the correspondence with the State Emergency Management and FEMA about reimbursement for 2017 storm administrative expenses.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account had \$100,905.53 and the ICS account \$233,418.23. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

The Board signed the application for reimbursement for untaxed government property.

Joe Boutin presented bills for past work performed on the cemetery and roads and discussed upcoming work.

The next meeting will be November 23, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.