

**Town of Benton**  
**Select Board Special Meeting**  
**Monday February 25, 2019**

**Select Board Members:** William R. Darcy, Chair; Regina Elliott, Carol Vincelette

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:33 PM.

Member Vincelette moved approval of the February 25, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

The Board discussed the dire tax situation created by the massive increase in the school budget and tax rate, and measures to reduce the tax increase in December. Chairman Darcy proposed reducing the FEMA funds in the unassigned fund balance that were contributed to the new Capital Repair and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund by proposed Warrant Article # 6 to \$30,000 and make available the remaining \$48,000 for tax relief. All Board Members agreed. Chairman Darcy noted two other changes in the text of Warrant Articles the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) required which did not change their intent. The Board agreed to make those changes in Articles 4 and 7. Chairman Darcy said he would post the revised Town Warrant and enter the changes in the DRA web portal.

The Board discussed the joint meeting with the School Board on March 4, the purpose of which is planning for the Town Meeting and getting agreement on a plan to mitigate the tax consequences of the school administration's budget.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.