

**Town of Benton**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday May 26, 2020**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer

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

Member Vincelette moved approval of the May 11, 2020 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved.

The Board discussed the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Limited business openings have started in the state. There has been a total of only one death from the virus in Grafton County since the start of the pandemic and very few infections in area, with none currently in Benton, Haverhill, Warren, Piermont, Easton, Landaff or Bath (a few in Woodstock, Lincoln and Franconia). The Town has recently received 300 masks from the State through the good efforts of our Emergency Management Director Scott Matz.

Voting has opened for NHEC broadband petition and director elections, including the NHEC Board of Directors candidate Bill Darcy.

The cemetery lawn maintenance contract has been signed and his insurance certificate has been received.

The Town received three proposals to repair the Mountain View Cemetery stone wall. The Board decided to gather more information and discuss it at the next meeting with the entire Board present.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account had \$122,867.98 and the ICS account \$383,234.86. Included in the operating account number is the final payment to the Benton School Board for their fiscal year.

The Board received a building permit application from Cameron Bennett to build a 4 door garage on Tipping Rd, which was referred to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

Chairman Darcy reported the Planning Board developed and approved a subdivision application, and had preliminary discussions regarding a lot line adjustment in favor of the Town from the adjacent land owners and a division of that adjacent property into two lots.

The Board received the annual budget from Grafton County which shows a tax increase of 3.47 percent.

The next meeting will be June 8 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.