

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday March 2, 2020

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, Jr., 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 February 17, 2019 Board minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved.

The Board reviewed the MS-60 audit recommendations. The Board agreed to develop an investment policy and review monthly bank account reconciliations.

The Board reviewed a proposed Town Hall rental agreement and deferred action.

Chairman Darcy reported that the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) approved our MS-60w audit waiver request and that he uploaded the signed MS-60a “alternative audit” report to the DRA web portal along with the signed and posted Warrant Articles and MS-636 proposed budget. He noted that DRA real estate folks will be joining us on April 13 along with Steve Allen.

The NH DOT sent a notification of road repaving of Coventry Rd from Bradley Hill Rd to Easton. Everyone agreed that Bradley Hill Road is in much worse condition than Coventry Road and should have a higher priority for repair by DOT.

Treasurer Swauger reported there was \$253,186.88 in the operating account and \$383,140.42 in the ICS account. The Board signed a few checks prepared by the Treasurer.

The U.S. Census boundary verification was signed and mailed. We also received their annual request for building permits issued last year for new residences.

The Chairman noted receipt of the following additional correspondence: FEMA letters on “Discovery” river mapping meetings; Pemigewasset river basin FEMA report received via email, appears to show no Benton flood problem but endangered dwarf mussels discovered in Baker

River; Letter from Governor on his proposed net electricity metering compromise to benefit municipalities; and the DOT annual road survey.

Joe Boutin presented a Notice of Intent to cut timber in the Mountain View Cemetery, a part of the plan to expand the number of gravesites.

The Town Meeting is March 10 (7 PM) and next Selectboard meeting will be on March 16, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.