

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting of April 9, 2018

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

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

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The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

Chairman Darcy moved approval of the March 19, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

The Town Hall floor refinishing has been completed and paid for, two four drawer steel filing cabinets were purchased and a filing system for Town records created. The Board agreed to purchase new floor runners protective of the floor but not required to be nailed down for stability. Letterhead stationary will also be ordered.

New banking signature cards and declarations were completed by Board Members.

Ralph Croswell submitted a new property drawing for the building permit for a new residence at 67 Tunnel Stream Road and was informed that he also needed a driveway permit before the building permit could be issued.

Treasurer Swauger reported that the operating account had a balance of \$34,438.74 and the ICS account \$300,193.00. A number of checks for payment of bills were signed.

Chairman Darcy reported on his efforts to secure an Army Corps of Engineers permit for the Davis Brook Bridge repair, as required by FEMA. After filing considerable supplemental information, the officer in charge indicated the permit was complete except for the historical review, which was expected to be favorable.

Chairman Darcy noted that the Management Discussion and Analysis of the audit will be a considerable effort in addition to responding to the governance letter recommendations.

Also noted were the meeting with NH DOT on a Rte. 25 bridge reconstruction on April 30; a meeting on the same date with Steve Allen regarding the property revaluation; and the DOT road survey that the Town must complete.

Member Elliott noted the road maintenance contract needs to go out to bid this Spring.

Joe Boutin submitted bills for recent work and noted the need for a culvert to divert water at the end of Tunnel Stream Road, so it reduces the flow onto Noble Road, which occurred during the two big storms in 2017. The Board approved undertaking that work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.