

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday April 29, 2019

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joseph Boutin, Jr., road contractor; Michael J. Cryans, Executive Councilor; Frederick Ulery.

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

Member Vincelette moved approval of the April 8, 2019 Board meeting minutes, seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

Frederick (Chip) Ulery discussed with the Board the maintenance of Oliverian Road. He wanted the town to assume maintenance of the road. Chairman Darcy stated that his options were to submit a warrant article to the Town Meeting signed by 10 voters and convince the Town Meeting to have the Town assume maintenance; convince the USFS, an abutter, to maintain the road; or maintain it himself with the permission of the Select Board. Chairman Darcy offered to send a letter to USFS urging them to maintain the road to their land and recreational facility, Oliverian Pond.

State Executive Councilor Michael J. Cryans appeared before the Board to explain the function of the Executive Council and offer his assistance on any issues important to the Town.

Chairman Darcy discussed the April 24 meeting of the School Board which he attended with Member Vincelette. At that meeting, Superintendent Melanson refused to provide the information requested by the Select Board, even though it would only take a few mouse clicks on their computer to comply. He also discussed Chairman Boutin's proposed solution and a follow-up meeting with Chairman Boutin.

Primex submitted their proposed Worker's Compensation insurance bill for the next fiscal year which is unchanged from the current year.

Treasurer Swauger reported that the operating account had \$216,090.10 and the ICS account had \$232,933.11.

The Chairman noted receipt of the certification for culvert maintenance awarded to Joseph Boutin, III which will enable the repair and replacement of most Town road culverts without a Department of Environmental Services permit. Mapping of those culverts was discussed.

Receipt of the final DRA property tax equalization report was noted.

There was a discussion of the format of town stationary to be ordered.

The receipt of a thank you note from Ammonoosuc Community Health Services for the Town's contribution was noted.

Joe Boutin, Jr. noted the completion of the community sand repository enclosure in back of the Town Hall. He stated that we need to paint or stain it and eventually to install vinyl siding similar to that on Town Hall. He also submitted a bill for recent ditch and road work. Member Elliott complimented him on the condition of Tunnel Stream Road. Chairman Darcy noted the need to order some signs, "Not a Town maintained road, travel at your own risk," to post on Oliverian Road and other appropriate public roads not maintained by the Town.

A building permit for a shed on 345 Tunnel Stream Road was submitted and referred to the Planning Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.