

**Town of Benton**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday October 8, 2018**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, road contractor

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

Member Vincelette moved approval of the September 10, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

Chairman Darcy reported that we received the last major check from FEMA in the amount of \$22,405 for the July 2017 storm damage to roads. Since we have received over \$10,000 state statutes require us to hold a public hearing on how we intend to spend the “unanticipated” revenue from FEMA for the 2017 storms. Chairman Darcy presented the Board with a draft public hearing notice which the Board approved.

Steve Allen appeared to present the MS-1 DRA form stating the value of Benton property, which slightly increased from the last year. The Board approved the proposed MS-1 which Steve will upload to the DRA portal. Also discussed was the DRA form assessing government forest land which Steve completed and submitted to DRA. The form shows public land is equal in value to all of Benton’s private property, but it was unclear what DRA does with that information.

Treasurer Dwight Swauger reported that our operating account had \$98,134.34 and the ICS account \$250,327.43.

The Board discussed the October 13 scheduled community fix up of Mountain View Cemetery and the responses to the 2019 cemetery and town hall mowing and trimming RFP.

Road contractor Joe Boutin discussed recent work on Page Road and Tunnel Stream Road. Also discussed were the planned USFS work on Long Pond Road and the need for a snow plow turnaround area.

The Board considered and approved a building permit from Joseph Boutin, III for a car port addition to his garage.

The Chairman reported receipt of welfare budget requests from two organizations that he is accumulating in a folder for consideration at budget promulgation time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.