

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday November 12, 2018

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

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

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:31 PM

Member Vincelette moved approval of the October 22, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Elliott and approved. Member Elliott moved approval of the November 5, 2018 public hearing minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved. Member Vincelette abstained.

A public hearing was held November 5, 2018 on the receipt and use of unanticipated funds. Member Elliot moved acceptance of the unanticipated FEMA funds for reimbursement of some of our 2017 storm damage, seconded by Member Vincelette and approved.

Treasurer Dwight Swauger reported that our operating account had \$14,597.50 and the ICS account \$250,369.24. As to budget status, Treasurer Swauger noted we have over expended two line items, government buildings, as a result of the generator repair and finishing the floors, and the warrant article regarding Tunnel Stream Road. There was a discussion of options to address the over expenditures, including transfer of funds from other accounts. Chairman Darcy said he would research our options regarding the over expenditure on the warrant article, which has different rules.

There was a discussion of whether to do another full audit of the Town's accounts or whether a simple review of our financial accounts and completion of the MS-535 financial report was sufficient. The full audit cost us \$9,800 and the accounting firm, Plodzik and Sanderson, was offering a lower level of financial review for \$3,300 to \$4,300. Member Elliott stated she didn't think we needed a full audit and the other members and Treasurer agreed the lower level of review was sufficient this year.

Chairman Darcy noted the receipt of some forms from DRA regarding the recent property revaluation and a form DRA wanted us to sign regarding the accuracy of the property valuations. The Board agreed to sign the DRA form.

Regarding Mountain View Cemetery, the Board learned that there were graves, or at least grave plots, after the first row of wooden posts near the parking area. It was therefore agreed that the

first row of wooden posts would be replaced with the granite posts from the old cemetery border and that the second row of wooden posts would be removed.

Joe Boutin reported that there was still no activity on Long Pond Road by the USFS contractor. He also submitted a bill for his work on our roads for the last three months.

The members agreed to send a bill for the Town Hall floor runners to the Benton Beautification Committee and to ask them for a joint meeting in the spring to plan activities for 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.