

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday June 18, 2018

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; and Sidney Pike

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

Member Elliott moved approval of the June 11, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Vincelette and approved.

The Board considered building permits for sheds on the property of Sidney Pike and Jeff Elliott and approved the permits.

Chairman Darcy reported on dealings with FEMA concerning the July and October 2017 storms. He also related the communications with the USFS concerning the ownership of, and responsibility for maintenance of, Oliverian Road. Chairman Darcy also gave an update on the status of the cleanup of the Black Mountain Trail by the logging contractor.

The Board engaged in an extensive discussion of cemetery rules and operations. They reviewed the 1998 Cemetery Bylaws approved at the Town Meeting and the deed form the Town uses to sell cemetery plots. Given the opportunity for expanded cemetery land area and the needs of relatives of Benton residents, among others, the Board agreed to submit a proposal to the Town Meeting to lift the restriction on purchase of cemetery lots by non-residents. They considered posting a sign at the cemetery listing rules for cemetery lot maintenance, consistent with the Bylaws and prudent and efficient maintenance of the cemetery. They agreed the single most important improvement to the cemetery was to repair the walls facing the highway which would require the Board to issue a request for proposals/bids. The Board agreed to have a volunteer work day at the Mountain View and East cemeteries in the fall to perform needed tasks beyond mowing and trimming. Chairman Darcy reported that he and Joe Boutin had removed the dead tree in the middle of the Mountain View Cemetery.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.