

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday April 13, 2020

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer

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

The Board discussed the Coronavirus (COVID-19): No deaths in Northern 2/3 of NH; still no infections in Benton, Landaff, Easton, Woodstock or Lincoln and only a few in Warren, Haverhill & Littleton; Town has received some N95 masks and gloves from NH HSEM and a donated box from Chris Tremblay and Lindsey Phelan; email report from Glencliff Home preparations indicates they are well prepared; Cottage Hospital reports on surge planning with National Guard (*Bridge Weekly*); Town Hall social distancing sign ordered.

No responses were received to the request for proposals on the cemetery stone retaining wall. Direct contact with masons will be attempted.

No significant developments on broadband initiative. NHEC tax filing indicates they have 19.81 miles of electrical wire in Benton serving 184 accounts.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account had \$265,346.38 and the ICS account \$383,203.38. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

The Board received a Notice of Intent to Cut Timber from Taylor and Clark on Flat Iron Rd and signed it.

The final NH DES permit for the reconstruction of Long Pond Dam has been received.

The Tax Collector's annual certification that tax bills were sent out was received.

The Piermont Historical Society sent us two Benton historical documents from 1806 and 1807 when the town was called Coventry. The Chairman will preserve them in plastic and make a copy of them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.