

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday June 10, 2019

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor and Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

These draft minutes of the Town of Benton Select Board are believed accurate and correct, but they are subject to additions, deletions and corrections by the Select Board at the next meeting when the Board votes its final approval of the minutes. These minutes are made available at this time to conform to the requirements of New Hampshire RSA 91-A:2.

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

Member Vincelette moved approval of the May 20, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

The Chairman noted that the Board referred to the Planning Board a building permit for electrical connection and other changes to 47 Learned Farm Road. The Planning Board recommended approval of the permit with the understanding that the electrical connection to the grid is no longer a part of the plan. Instead the permit is limited to placing solar panels on the residence roof, interconnecting them to the existing system and upgrading some electrical components (e.g. inverter). As modified the Board accepted the recommendation of the Planning Board and approved the permit.

The Board accepted the recommendation of the Planning Board and approved the building permit for a 20 x 8' shed on Rollins Road.

Chairman Darcy said he attended the State's Planning and Zoning conference in Concord. He noted that a pending legislative bill and state supreme court decision may be helpful to owners of properties on a private road who wish to maintain the road (such as Ulery on Oliverian Road) in getting assistance from other property owners on the road. He also noted that the Planning Board needs to adopt subdivision and driveway regulations and rules of procedure.

The Board agreed that with vegetative growth so robust from the Spring rains that the cemetery needs to be mowed again. The Chairman also noted the work performed by Joe Boutin, Jr. and Son Excavating on the cemetery replacing the wood posts with granite posts near the parking area, removing rocks and tree stumps and removing a damaged bush.

The Treasurer reported a checking account balance of \$197,865.65 and an ICS balance of \$232,971.72.

The Chairman reported that the class action lawsuit against the U.S. Interior Department concerning payments in lieu of taxes to which the Town was a party has concluded and payment will come to the Town sometime late this year.

The receipt of a wetlands permit application for reconstruction of Long Pond Road bridges suggests work on that road will shortly be underway. The Forest Service asked for an on-site meeting on Tunnel Brook Road later in the week to discuss river mitigation efforts.

The Town received notice of the application for a septic permit for Map 1, Lot 5 on Bradley Hill Road.

Future meetings of the Board were set for July 8 and 22 and August 12 and 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.