

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday January 23, 2020

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector

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

Member Elliott moved approval of the January 20, 2019 minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved.

The Board reviewed the proposed appropriations and estimated revenues. They decided to revise the estimated revenues by eliminating any revenues for Account 3506 because the revenues received in 2019 in that account were mostly one-time revenues. The resulting total estimated revenues were \$609,820.

The Board noted an apparent discrepancy in the Town Hall rental revenues received in 2019 and agreed to formulate a rental agreement and procedure for acceptance of payment in advance. No changes were made to the proposed appropriations, which totaled \$132,500.

The Board reviewed the proposed warrant articles. There was considerable discussion of the cemetery plot sales restrictions and elderly exemption. The Board decided to eliminate the cemetery plot sales warrant article and defer the issue until the cemetery improvements made more plots available for sale. The Board decided to leave the elderly exemption warrant article unchanged although there was considerable sentiment to make it more generous. It was decided to await input from the voters at the budget hearing before considering changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.