

**Town of Benton**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday May 6, 2019**

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

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

*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 Elliott noted that her name should be removed from the April 29 hearing minutes and with that amendment Member Vincelette moved approval of the April 29 hearing minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved (Member Elliott abstaining). Member Elliott moved approval of the April 29, 2019 Board meeting minutes, seconded by Member Vincelette and approved.

The Board reviewed the proposed contract for lawn maintenance services at the Mountain View Cemetery and Town Hall with Daryl Brooks Lawncare. Member Vincelette moved approval of the contract, seconded by Member Elliott and approved. Treasurer Swauger was requested to prepare a check for the first mowing at the next meeting.

The Board discussed the cemetery cleanup day scheduled for May 11 as an opportunity to assess the condition of the cemetery and the changes that should be made.

It was noted that a meeting of the Benton Beautification Committee was likely to occur in the near future and the need to open it up to new membership and more communication and coordination with the Select Board.

Treasurer Swauger reported that the operating account had \$176,990.14 and the ICS account had \$232,951.14.

The invoices have been received from Budget Lumber for the materials used to construct the community sand pile enclosure and the amount was less than the estimated \$1,500.

There was a discussion with Mike Stiebitz about the ordering of road signs. He noted that the signs regarding the Tunnel Stream bridge over Davis Brook and winter road closures have been received and are in the hands of the road contractor and that he will send the Board samples of signs regarding notice of roads not being maintained by the Town.

Mike Stiebitz also engaged in a discussion with the Board about upgrading the services of his office to include issuance of vehicle license plates and annual stickers. Both equipment and personnel costs were discussed. No final decisions were reached.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.