

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday August 17, 2020

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, road contractor; Gil and Laura Richardson; Sam Gregory

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 moved approval of the August 3, 2020 minutes, seconded by Member Carpenter and approved.

There was little to report of Coronavirus (COVID-19); personal protective equipment arrived from the State for the upcoming elections.

Sam Gregory, who rented the Town Hall for an event, observed that the Town Clerk's office was open and that waste baskets were full.

Gil and Laura Richardson submitted a building permit for a summer kitchen and an update on improvements to their property that were submitted to the Planning Board last year. Their building permit application and ancillary materials were referred to the Planning Board.

Gil Richardson discussed preparations for the primary election next month.

As to the broadband initiative, NHEC is in negotiations for contracts to serve a few towns to take advantage of CARES funding opportunities.

The cemetery wall reconstruction is complete, and a final check will be issued to Churchill Masonry.

Correspondence was received concerning payment to a welfare organization. All checks authorized in the budget, to the same organizations as last year, will be prepared for the next meeting.

Treasurer Swauger reported the operating account had \$130,220.65 and the ICS account \$383,443.25. The Board signed checks prepared by the Treasurer.

New signature cards for Town bank accounts were signed.

Joe Boutin presented a bill for the final phase of the Tunnel Stream Road paving preparation. He reported Blaktop will be paving the last week in August.

The next meeting will be September 8 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.