

Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday February 3, 2020

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor.

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darcy at 6:35 PM.

Member Elliott moved approval of the January 27, 2019 Board minutes and January 23 Budget Hearing minutes, seconded by Chairman Darcy and approved.

The Board renominated Regina Elliott as the Town's Health Officer and signed the appropriate State appointment form. She expressed an interest in going to the annual educational conference for health officers.

Chairman Darcy noted an email from Woodsville Ambulance informing us that they followed up on the transfer of coverage for High Street to Warren Ambulance by notifying the state's emergency dispatch center.

The Board signed a letter requesting the Trustees of the Trust Funds to transfer \$29,411.47 from the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads to the Board pursuant to Warrant Article 4 approved last March to reimburse for the cost of repaving a portion of Tunnel Steam Road.

The Chairman noted receipt of the audit of Town finances that was emailed to Town officers. He asked the Treasurer to review it for any inconsistencies with Town financial reports.

The Board reviewed the budget again, and slightly modified versions of the warrant articles and Selectmen's Report. The warrant article 7 was changed from a \$30,000 contribution to the Expendable Trust Fund for capital repair and maintenance to the Capital Reserve Fund for Roads. Article 14 was modified to be a little more generous on the property tax exemption for low income elderly.

Treasurer Swauger reported there was \$208,033.52 in the operating account and \$383,108.30 in the ICS account.

Joe Boutin presented a bill for recent road snow plowing. The Board inquired about the likelihood of cemetery tree removal and he responded that doing it in March is possible.

The next meeting will be February 17, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.