

**Town of Benton
Select Board Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2024**

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

Also Present: Dwight Swauger, Treasurer; Michael Stiebitz, Town Clerk and Tax Collector; Joe Boutin, Jr., road contractor; Gil Richardson, Town Moderator; and Laura Richardson, Chair, Trustees of Trust Funds

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 April 15, 2024 minutes, seconded by Chair Darcy and approved.

There was discussion of the need to appoint a Board of Adjustment to decide on zoning variances and exceptions. Chair Darcy nominated Gil Richardson, Laura Richardson, Dwight Swauger, Joe Boutin III, and Michael Stiebitz, with Dwight Swauger and Joe Boutin to serve one-year terms; Gil Richardson and Mike Stiebitz to serve two-year terms and Laura Richardson to serve a three-year term. The nominations were seconded by Member Elliott and approved.

The Board of Adjustment agreed on their first meeting to be held on May 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

The Board discussed the fate of SB553 legislation concerning NH PDIP, which was successfully modified in the House of Representatives to remove provisions that threatened the viability of NH PDIP as a repository of town funds.

Treasurer Swauger reported that the Woodsville Guarantee Savings Bank operating account had \$144,286.71 and the NH PDIP account had \$463,444.71. Checks and various official documents were signed. The Tax Collector reported that less than \$27,000 was due from three tax years.

School Board Member Swauger reported on a Benton School Board meeting scheduled for June 19.

Member Elliott reported that the Barbara Nutt burial would be on June 8 and that a celebration of Dan Finn's 100th birthday would be held on July 5 or 6.

The next meeting is May 20 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.