



## **Town of Benton**

*Monday, December 11, 2017, 6:00 PM  
Benton Town Office*

1. Roll call: Selectman Robin Cyr, Selectman Melissa Patterson, & Selectman Doug Dixon present.
2. Secretary's Report: Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept the secretary's report as written. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
3. New Business.
  - Updating Maps: Mrs. Patterson spoke of the office tax maps and how they have not been updated in years. The gentleman who updated them prior has passed away. Mrs. Patterson has reached out to different companies to get pricing but has not had any responses back as of yet. She will update as soon as she can.
4. Old Business.
  - Grass Eaters: Mr. Dixon held Grass Eaters last payroll check from the Town of Benton due to damages at the Benton cemeteries. Mr. Dixon received a letter from MMA with language that was accepted by Bruce Saulsbury and signed, that he will waive his last payment for damages. Mrs. Patterson asked Mr. Dixon if he's reached out to Rock Lacroix to see how much repairs will be. Mr. Dixon said Mr. Lacroix is gone for the season. Mrs. Patterson wants to make sure the Town of Benton has enough to cover the damages. Ms. Cyr feels comfortable accepting this resolution from Bruce Saulsbury. She feels that the contract language was not strong enough to pursue any other option. Mr. Dixon motioned to accept as written and approved by Bruce Saulsbury and MMA. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
5. Assessing Abatements & Supplements:
  - Supplement Tim S. Reed:* Per book 12336 page 254, this parcel should have been transferred to Timothy S. Reed for the 2017 tax year in the amount of \$510.91. Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept the supplement as written. Mr. Dixon seconded, all voted in favor.

*Supplement Robert & Kelly Pillsbury:* This parcel should have been split from Map 5 Lot 32-01 per book 12546 page 295 for the 2017 tax year. The amount of the supplement is \$528.48. Ms. Cyr motioned to accept the supplement as written, all voted in favor.

*Abatement Scott & Peggy Wentworth:* Per book 12336 page 254, this parcel should have been assessed to Timothy S. Reed for the 2017 tax year. The amount is

\$510.91. Ms. Cyr motioned to accept the abatement for Timothy S. Reed in the amount of \$510.91. Mrs. Patterson seconded, all voted in favor.

6. Other Business and Correspondence:

Mr. Dixon gave an update on 136 Falls Rd. Truman Williams had requested that the street light be turned off at the last selectmen's meeting. Ms. Cyr stated the light has since been turned off. Mr. Dixon said he heard from Todd Littlefield and Mr. Littlefield felt it necessary to be left on. He feels it's a safety issue.

Ms. Cyr feels she remembers an email from Mr. Littlefield regarding the light not being a safety issue but cannot find it at the moment. Mrs. Patterson said Mr. Littlefield didn't want to make the decision all on his own.

Mr. Dixon said the light is down now, so we'll leave it at that. He felt it necessary to leave on. Ms. Cyr stated she cannot remember Mr. Littlefield stating anything about a safety issue, but they can clarify. Mr. Dixon says he has a text from Mr. Littlefield to keep the light on but he feels if everyone is happy with it being down, it's fine. Mr. Dixon will take another look at it after dark, and talk to Mr. Littlefield.

Mrs. Patterson spoke of how Phoenix Computers sold out to Maine Technology Group this year. Maine Technology Group has an annual fee of \$750.00 for Maine Technology Group to say they represent us. This annual fee does not cover any IT support. The rates have increased from \$90.00 to \$110.00 per hour. Mrs. Patterson has reached out for other estimates. Computer Improvements, that comes recommended from Nitram is from Skowhegan. They do not have an annual fee and they charge \$65.00 an hour. The seconded estimate comes from Cameron's Computer Repair in Waterville. Sue Rodrigue is familiar with Cameron. He does computer repair for Fred's Coffee in Waterville. His IT service plan is \$900.00 a year. His charge is \$75.00 an hour.

Mrs. Patterson stressed a decision needs to be made before the end of the month because Maine Technology Group's contract will expire. Discussion was held in regards to computer security, anti virus, recovery time, etc. Mrs. Patterson will get the questions answered.

7. Citizen's Concerns:

*Leo Caron*- Thanked Mrs. Patterson for getting the work order going to get a streetlight fixed.

*Ron Hood*- Mr. Hood has concerns over deed's being left to the Town of Benton that are not showing on the town tax maps. He also has concerns about the pine trees on the Pines Rd. that are dying.

*Robin Cyr*- There's an old snowmobile club deed in the Town of Benton safe. We need to have another deed written up by the town attorney so they can transfer ownership to us and they will come in and sign.

*Robin Patterson-* Ms. Patterson spoke of the piece of land Doug Blaisdell was going to gift the Town of Benton on the backside of Brown Cemetery. She say's there's a paper map written down somewhere that needs to be put into language to go to the Town Meeting for vote. Ms. Patterson also wanted to know if another spreadsheet would be available at the next budget meeting. Ms. Cyr said there would be one.

*Robin Cyr-* The office staff mirrors State of Maine holiday hours. The State of Maine offices will be closed Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dixon talked to Brandy Meader about being closed Monday (25<sup>th</sup>) and Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup>). Mr. Dixon motioned that the office be closed Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Cyr seconded, 1 abstain, motion passes.

Ms. Cyr wants to know how people are notified if the Planning Board meeting is cancelled for tomorrow with the bad weather coming. Leo Caron said Patricia Lanning wants to wait and see what the weather report looks like in the morning before making a call.

Ms. Cyr would like to have two Public Hearing meetings for the Strategic Planning Committee. Discussion to dates and time was held. The meetings will be held January 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00 PM, & January 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00 PM.

*Doug Dixon-* Mr. Dixon spoke of the transfer station repairs. Mrs. Patterson was told the office would receive a bill in the month of January. The total bill will be less than seven thousand. The town of Benton will be responsible for a percentage of the bill.

8. Adjourn: Mrs. Patterson motioned to adjourn at 6:50 PM. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.