



## **Town of Benton**

*Monday – November 14, 2016, 6: 00 PM  
Benton Town Office*

1. Roll call: Selectman Dan Chamberlain, Selectman Melissa Patterson, and Selectman Robin Cyr present.
2. Secretary's Report: Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept the secretary's report as written. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
3. Duane Bickford: Mr. Bickford gave an update of Fairfield's new training facility they're trying to build for the Fairfield Fire Department. Mr. Bickford asked the Town of Benton to partner with the Town of Fairfield to help pay the approximate \$870K cost to build the training facility. Mr. Chamberlain advised a request like this would go in front of the Budget Committee for consideration at Town Meeting.
4. Catherine Nadeau: Mrs. Nadeau feels there is a good balance at the State after elections. Mrs. Nadeau is working actively on two bills at state level.
5. Citizens' Concerns: None
6. Road Commissioner's Report: Todd Littlefield not present.
7. Old Business: None
8. New Business.
  - Closed** Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25 for Thanksgiving & Thanksgiving Friday. **Closed** Monday, December 26 (Christmas).
  - Closed to Public** on Friday, December 30 for End of Year Closeout.
  - Closed** Monday, January 2 (New Year's).
  - Keel Hood Preliminary Audit December 7, 2016.
  - Budget Committee Meeting January 18, 2017.
  - June Caron Chairman of the 2017 Alewife Festival.
  - Christmas Program for Benton Resident's: The office currently has 6 applications for the Christmas program. The office is accepting applications through the first week of December.
  - Rabies Clinic: November 12<sup>th</sup> the Town of Benton held a successful Rabies Clinic from 1:00-2:00. Sixty shots were given resulting in \$285 for Thanksgiving meals for Benton Residents. Any overflow will go towards the Christmas program.
  - Benton set a record for number of voters with the last election. Approximately 1,600 residents voted.

-Richard Lawrence received an invoice from Maine Municipal Association for a convention Charlie Kent attended. Mr. Lawrence informed Mr. Kent that the Town of Benton will not be paying this invoice as well as MMA.

9. Assessing Abatements & Supplements: None
10. Other Business and Correspondence: Leo Caron presented the Selectmen a letter. Mr. Greenwood from KVCOG attended the Planning Board meeting in regards to shoreland zoning. The State of Maine needs a letter from the board of Selectmen if the Town of Benton would like to keep their grand fathered shoreland-zoning setback of 75 feet, with the Town of Benton being held responsible for the rest without help from the State. The Selectmen agreed and will be sending a letter out.
11. Adjourn: Mrs. Patterson motioned to adjourn at 6:41pm, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.