

## **Town of Benton** Monday – October 10, 2016, 6: 00 PM Benton Town Office

1. Roll call: Selectman Dan Chamberlain, Selectman Melissa Patterson, & Selectman Robin Cyr present.

*Executive Session: Real Estate Tax Abatement. M.R.S.A.841-844 Title 36.:* Mrs. Patterson motioned to go into executive session at 6:00pm, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

Mr. Chamberlain brought back to session at 6:05pm. Mrs. Patterson motioned to Approve M.S.R.A.841-844 Title 36 real estate tax abatement, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

- 2. Secretary's Report: Mrs. Patterson motioned to approve the secretary report as written. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
- 3. Fairfield Library (Benton) Senior Citizen Library Membership Fees: It was brought to the office staffs attention from a Benton resident that the Fairfield Public Library is charging Benton senior citizens the full rate of \$30.00 to become a member because the Town of Benton will reimburse up to \$30.00. The senior citizen rate is \$20.00. Selectmen decided to contact Lou-Ann Lindie at the library to discuss the situation.
- 4. Duane Bickford: Mr. Bickford spoke of the new ladder truck for the Fairfield Fire Dept. This was bought with help of the FEMA grant. Selectmen went outside to look at the new truck.
- 5. Treasurer Tax Assessments: Richard Lawrence would like to have all of our real estate accounts assessed to see if any changes have been missed. Mrs. Patterson will speak to Ryan Stinneford on Tuesday with the idea of checking 20 accounts to get an idea if a full evaluation would be necessary.
- 6. Citizens' Concerns: None
- 7. Road Commissioner's Report: Todd Littlefield not present.
- 5. Old Business: Gary Dixon discussed the pump stations. Mr. Dixon also asked the selectmen if they could acquire Zalisco Carters property for use of the Kennebec Sewer District. The site could be used for parking, utilizing wet wells, etc. Selectmen will look to see if TIFF funds would be a possibility on acquiring the property.
- 6. New Business: October 19<sup>th</sup> Lawrence High School students will be volunteering at the town office again. Students will be planting mums, bulbs, cleaning windows, etc. Patrick Turlo will be supervising the outside work with the students.

- 7. Assessing Abatements & Supplements:
  - William Robinson, map 04-30-01. Abatement for corrected acreage. Mr. Robinson was taxed for 42.8 acres, the correct acreage is 37.7. The difference being \$16.99. Mrs. Patterson motioned to approve the abatement in the amount of \$16.99, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

Floyd & Marie Blaisdell, map 03-43-ON. Abatement for noise from the CMP substation in the amount of \$71.93. Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept the abatement in the amount of \$71.93, Robin Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

- Other Business and Correspondence: Rabies Clinic November 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:00pm at the Benton Town Office for \$15.00. Proceeds will go towards Thanksgiving and Christmas for Benton residents.
- Adjourn: Mrs. Patterson motioned to adjourn at 7:15pm, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.