



Town of Benton

Monday - April 10, 2017, 6:00 PM

Benton Town Office

1. Roll call: Selectman Dan Chamberlain, Selectman Melissa Patterson, Selectman Robin Cyr, & Road Commissioner Todd Littlefield present.
2. Secretary's Report: Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept January 2017 minutes, March 13, 2017 minutes, & March 27, 2017 minutes as written. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor. *Minutes will be voted on again at May Selectman's meeting to resolve accuracy of dates accepted*
3. Citizens' Concerns: Dwight Lanning spoke of the annual Town Meeting. He voiced his concern of the selectmen going forward with articles the residents voted in favor of. Mr. Lanning is hoping this will be done.
4. Road Commissioner's Report. Mr. Littlefield has been busy cutting brush. There is a water problem on Booker Ave he is currently working on. The prior road commissioner allowed a resident to remove piping and groundwork that should not have been done.
5. New Business.
 - Benton/Humane Society Obligation to injured domestic animals: The office received a bill from the Humane Society from a domestic animal on the Monk Rd. Kathy Ross informed the Town of Benton that it is the town's responsibility to pick up the bill of an injured domestic animal and the owner is unknown.
6. Old Business.
 - Alewife Festival Update: June Caron advised final planning of the Alewife Festival and Dinner should be wrapped up at the April 11th meeting. Mrs. Caron also spoke of the festivities and dinner.
 - Health Plan Decision: Mr. Chamberlain spoke to Mike Stolz at MMA Legal. Mr. Stolz advised what happens at Town Meeting sets the law for the town and the Selectmen have to obey by what the town has voted on. Mr. Chamberlain also asked Mr. Stolz about the conflict of interest brought up by residents at last month's selectmen's meeting. Mr. Stolz advised that at Town Meeting all Selectmen are there as residents and can vote/speak on any issues that arise. No vote was taken at the September Selectman's meeting in regards to Maine Municipal Health Insurance. A representative from MMA came and spoke of insurance options for the town.

At the budget meeting Mrs. Patterson abstained from voting. The only votes taken were at Budget Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Chamberlain advised the Selectmen are obligated to offer Health Insurance up to 60k. Mr. Chamberlain is talking to MMA Health Insurance this week to find out what plans are best for the Town of Benton and office staff.

Mr. Chamberlain advised the part-time position would be offered 100% employee coverage plan only. The two-fulltime office staff will be offered 100% employee coverage with the option of adding onto the family plan with a split like other towns offer of 80/20.

- Adopt Personnel Policy: Mr. Chamberlain advised the Personnel Policy would be tabled until May's meeting when they find out exactly what insurance package will be offered.
 - CEO Position: Adam Bradstreet has accepted a fulltime position at the Town of Winslow. Mr. Bradstreet is staying with the Town of Benton until the position is filled. The CEO position will be posted.
7. Assessing Abatements & Supplements: Town of Benton has Tax Acquired Property / Notice of Tax Sale. *The properties are as follows:*
- Bid #1: Monk Rd; Map 7, Lot 33-2, 0.78 acres, land. Minimum bid: \$820.00
 - Bid #2: 60 River Rd; Map 15, Lot 29, 0.33 acres, land & bldgs. Minimum bid: \$980.00
 - Bid #3: 121 Richards Rd; Map 4, Lot 3, 1.1 acres, land & bldgs. Minimum bid: \$2,160.
 - Bid #4: 8 Chickadee Ln; Map 2, Lot 34C-ON, MH only. Minimum bid: \$240.00
 - Bid #5: 122 Falls Rd; Map 20, Lot 16, 0.40 acres, land & bldgs. Minimum bid: \$3,860.00.
8. Other Business and Correspondence: None
9. Adjourn: Mrs. Patterson motioned to adjourn at 6:14pm, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.