

Town of Benton

Tuesday – July 18, 2017, 6:00 PM

Benton Town Office

1. Roll call: 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. Citizens' Concerns:
 - Antoine Morin:** Mr. Morin asked for an Alewife Harvest design update, how much money was placed into TIF funds this year, how much money the Town of Benton will receive from the Town of Clinton as a result from the transition of waste, and held a discussion on Time Warner Cable to Spectrum collection fee opportunities. Mrs. Patterson informed Mr. Morin that Richard Lawrence did receive the design back from Kleinschmidt. Mrs. Patterson noted \$101,000 and change was placed for TIF funds. Mrs. Patterson will find out how much money the Town of Benton will receive from the transition of waste. Ms. Cyr invited Mr. Morin to the Strategic Planning Board meeting to further discuss collection fee opportunities.
 - Leo Caron:** Mr. Caron advised the Selectmen that Doug Blaisdell would like to gift the Town of Benton land. Discussion was held on the matter. Mr. Blaisdell would also like documentation from the Town of Benton saying he's allowed to install his storm drainage system. Mrs. Patterson will make a draft on town letterhead, talk to Todd Littlefield, and have Mr. Littlefield sign it along with the Selectmen.
 - Kathe Bolster:** Mrs. Bolster feels the land cannot be gifted to the Town of Benton with out a vote at Town Meeting. Mrs. Patterson will check with MMA in regards to this matter.
 - Charles Kent:** Mr. Kent is offering \$100 to anyone that can tell him who signed a check dated March 18, 2014 made payable to Mr. Kent. Mr. Kent claims he did not sign the check. Mr. Kent made reference to taking a lie detector test. Mr. Kent claims he doesn't know what the check was for. The documentation to this was provided once again this meeting attached to the minutes. This documentation shows what the check was for, and Mr. Kent's request for it from March 2014.
 - Robin Patterson:** Ms. Patterson noted a discussion she had at the May Selectmen meeting about the trails in Benton was not reflected in the minutes.
4. Road Commissioner's Report: Todd Littlefield absent.
5. New Business.
 - Shortened Nomination Process to fill Selectmen Seat Vacancy. (Due to Resignation): Ms. Cyr "The Selectmen of the Town of Benton hereby give notice that they have ordered, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A 2528(4)(E), that a shortened nomination process be used to fill vacancy on the Board of Selectmen. Nomination

papers will be available beginning on July 19, 2017. Signed nomination papers must be returned to the Town Clerk by the close of business hours, 4:00PM, on August 1, 2017”.

Mrs. Patterson motioned that a 24 day shortened election period move forward, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor. See attached documentation.

-Set Mil Rate: Mrs. Patterson motioned to set the 2017 Mill Rate at 14.4%. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

6. Old Business: Mrs. Patterson motioned to appoint Linda Turlo and Shirley Duplessis at ballot clerks. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
7. Assessing Abatements & Supplements: None
8. Other Business and Correspondence: Ms. Cyr read allowed the Warrant for Secret Ballot Municipal Election, Tuesday August 15, 2017. See attached documentation.
9. Adjourn: Ms. Cyr motioned to adjourn at 6:58pm, Mrs. Patterson seconded, all voted in favor.