



Town of Benton

*Monday – October 14, 2019, 6: 00 PM
Benton Town Office*

- **Roll Call:** Selectman Robin Cyr, Selectman Doug Dixon, & Selectman Melissa Patterson present.
- **Secretary's Report:** Minutes are not complete yet from September's meeting. Ms. Cyr will have them available for the next meeting in November.
- **Assessing Abatements & Supplements:**
 - Supplement-* Nick Poulin in the amount of \$99.96. Trailer was moved into town without permits in June of 2018. Mr. Dixon motioned to approve the supplement in the amount of \$99.96. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
 - Abatement-* Merton Richards in the amount of \$909.77. Building on this lot should have been gone with the land that was sold to CMP. CMP has since removed the building. Mrs. Patterson motioned to approve the abatement in the amount of \$909.77. Mr. Dixon seconded, all voted in favor.
- **Citizen's Concerns:**

Robin Patterson spoke of the Waterville Public Library and how they now Participate in the new Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program. She would like this information posted for Benton residents.
- **New Business:**
 - Joyce Wyand-* Ms. Wyand is requesting a homestead exemption on her property that Ryan Stinneford has denied because it does not meet the homestead requirements. Mr. Dixon motioned to deny Ms. Wyand's homestead request as it does not meet the homestead requirements. Mrs. Patterson seconded, all voted in favor.
 - CM Properties-* Request for exception on sewer lien denied. Advised to see if title insurance is available to cover by Ms. Cyr.
 - Heating Oil Prices for Town of Benton-* Brandy Meader will get quotes from various oil companies for oil prices for the town office.
 - Town Ordinance Changes-* Ms. Cyr motioned to have an informational Public Hearing of Planning Board to modify permit application's required fields to be in line with current ordinance. Currently this is an issue and not in line with the ordinance, the ordinance change will address the new required fields and format. Discussion was held by selectmen. Mr. Dixon voted - no, Mrs. Patterson voted – no. Motion denied. A special Economic Development Committee / Planning Board Informational meeting will be held instead on October 30th at 6:00pm.

Upcoming Holiday Closures- The office will be closed on the following dates: Thursday November 28th, Friday November 29th, Tuesday December 24th, Wednesday December 25th, Tuesday December 31st, and Wednesday January 1st.

- **Old Business:**

Update Benton Pump Station- Todd Littlefield gave an update on the Benton Pump Station. He informed the selectmen that Fanado did not complete the job by not excavating to Crummett St. Mr. Dixon will follow up with Mr. Fanado on this. Multiple bids were submitted for work at the pump station. The lowest bid was from Littlefield's Construction LLC in the amount of \$27,525.00. Discussion was held by the selectmen. Motion by Mrs. Patterson to accept Littlefield's Construction LLC bid contingent on the bid not to exceed \$26,250.00 total. Ms. Cyr seconded, all in favor.

Street Light Project- Mr. Dixon will follow up with CMP to see where the LED transition stands and follow up at next meeting.

Next Budget Meeting- The next Budget meeting will be held October 29th at 6:00pm.

- **Other Business:** One bid was received for maintenance on the gazebo and town sand shed from L.N. Clark & Son in the amount of \$7,450.00. Ms. Cyr motioned to accept the bid in the amount of \$7,450.00. Mrs. Patterson seconded, all voted in favor.
- **Adjourn:** Mr. Dixon motioned to adjourn at 7:27pm. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.