



Town of Benton

Monday – January 9, 2017, 6:00 PM

Benton Town Office

1. Roll call: Selectman Dan Chamberlain, Selectman Melissa Patterson, & 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. Nominations for 2017 Benton Spirit of America Recipient(s): Mrs. Patterson motioned to nominate Leo & June Caron for the 2017 Benton Spirit of America Award. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
4. Citizens' Concerns: None
5. Road Commissioner's Report: Mr. Chamberlain spoke with Todd Littlefield. Mr. Littlefield informed Mr. Chamberlain that the Benton roads look great. Mr. Chamberlain feels the roads are the best he has seen them in years and is very impressed with Nitram. The office has only received 1 mailbox complaint. This is outstanding compared to prior years.
6. New Business.
 - Alan Fuller Broad Band*: Mr. Fuller gave an update of the possibility of Broad Band coming to Benton. He will be giving further updates in the future.
 - Resident/Non-Resident Availability to Sand Shed*: Mr. Chamberlain spoke of the Benton sand shed and the theft of sand. Mr. Chamberlain was shocked to learn the extent of abuse. Residents as well as non-residents are taking well above the 2-bucket allowance of sand. Clinton town manager Pam called Mrs. Patterson to inform her of Clinton residents coming to the Benton sand shed for their supply. The Town of Benton has installed 2 signs at the sand shed and is looking at the possibility of cameras.
7. Old Business.
 - Nomination Papers Available must be returned by January 24, 2017 by 4 P.M.
 - (1) 3 Year Selectman
 - (1) 3 Year School Board
 - (1) 1 Year Road Commissioner
8. Assessing Abatements & Supplements: None
9. Other Business and Correspondence:
 - Appointment of Registrar*: Mrs. Patterson motioned to appoint Susan Rodrigue Registrar for the Town of Benton. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

Article – Public & Private Sewer Drain Ordinance: Gary Dixon called and wanted to make sure the selectmen were in agreement with the ordinance because he needs to move forward. The selectmen are in agreement and will advise Mr. Dixon to move forward.

Comprehensive Plan: Ms. Cyr provided the selectmen a list of items from the prior comprehensive plan for them to look over. Mrs. Patterson will put this on the February agenda.

Forestry Service: Leo Caron asked the selectmen for a copy of the Tree Harvest ordinance they signed and sent to the State of Maine Forestry Service. Mrs. Patterson said she will look and provide the information to him.

10. Adjourn: Mrs. Patterson motioned to adjourn at 6:59pm. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.