



Town of Benton
Tuesday-April 3, 2018
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1. Roll Call: Selectman Melissa Patterson, Selectman Robin Cyr and Selectman Doug Dixon were present.
2. Secretary's Report; Ms. Cyr moved to accept the minutes as written. Mrs. Patterson seconded. All voted in favor.
3. New Business: Adoption of Comprehensive plan. Ms. Cyr moved to adopt the 2018 comprehensive plan, Mrs. Patterson seconded.
4. Members of the Economic Development Plan Committee. Kathe Bolster concerned resident attended. It was decided that it would consist of 2 Selectman and 3 Planning Board Members. Also the committee would seek new members.
5. Zalisco Carter's Property: Real Estate taxes are due and the Sewer payment is also pass due. Will Contact Dan Bernier about the property. Ms. Cyr motions to secure Dan Bernier's services.
6. Old Business: Ms. Patterson motioned to have CAI Technology to make maps of the Town of Benton. Ms. Cyr seconded. All voted in favor.
7. Perks Status: The contract with Clinton is from 2014-2019. The Town of Benton is responsible for 45%. The 45% is put towards salary, equipment and operational cost. If you the cost is under 10,000 dollars there needs to be no vote, if over 10,000 there needs to be a vote taken.
8. A meeting should take place between The Town of Benton and The Town of Clinton to discuss the 1. The Perc contract, 2. Lack of representation from Benton, and 3. Perc reimbursement. Mr. Dixon volunteered to go the next selectman's meeting in Clinton.
9. Mr. Dixon made the motion to sign a letter to The Town Clinton about Perc and recycling, Mrs. Patterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
10. Ms. Cyr motioned to send the letter to The Town of Clinton, Mrs. Patterson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
11. Deed Status: Doug Blaisdell has given the Town of Benton a small parcel of land connected to Brown Cemetery. The Snowmobile Club has turned ownership over to the Town of Benton and the town will follow up with acquiring the deed.
12. The bids for the Cemetery will be advertised in the local newspaper. A clause will be added to the contract for property damage . Should there be a Performance bond added for any general damage? Mr. Dixon inquired about the official name of the cemetery chair, it was agreed upon that Cemetery Chair was the title. Mrs. Patterson seconded. All voted in favor of.
13. Abatements: None

14. Members that took the oath for the Planning Board: Darcy Dow, Leo Caron, Lance Shores and Dan Beaulieu.
15. A concerned resident "Marie" asked about a letter that was to be mailed to Mr. Bulger. Should there be fines levied and should the town get a lawyer involved. It was decided that a letter would be mailed out to Mr. Bulger.
16. Property Damage: Mack Moody of Siding Street in Benton has alleged that the Town Plow Truck damaged his fence. The street is not wide enough and is not up to town specs. Ms. Cyr suggested that DOT take a look at the road for liability concerns. Ms. Cyr also stated the contractor is not responsible for the damage, the town maybe responsible for the damage. The bill should be sent to the Town of Benton and not to Nitram. Mr. Dixon started the discussion of purchasing the land from Mr. Moody at fair market price. Mr. Moody agreed with the suggestion. The law office of Marden, Dubord and Bernier would be contacted.
17. Antiques: Gary Dixon asked if he could store some boxes of antiques in the basement of the town hall. It was agreed upon by the selectman that it would be fine.
18. Town Sand Lot: Residents from other communities have been helping themselves to the town's sand. Mr. Littlefield made the comment that the town should do away with the sand all together, or have a Selectman, or Mr. Littlefield fill up 2 five gallon buckets for the residents during certain storms. Mrs. Patterson suggested that a sand shed be built and relocated to the town hall where it could be monitored. Also that residents IDs be validated. Mr. Littlefield also mentioned that the days and times be made know to the residents when the sand shed would be open. It was tabled for later discussion.
19. The discussion of whether to replace all the locks at the town hall with dead bolts was agreed upon. Ms. Cyr requested that the town hire Beaulieu to install all the new dead bolts. Ms.Cyr motioned, Mrs. Patterson seconded. All in favor.
20. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.