



**Town of Benton**  
*Selectmen's Meeting*  
*Monday, November 11th, 2019, 6:00 PM*  
*Benton Town Office*

1. Roll call: Selectman Melissa Patterson, Selectman Doug Dixon, & Selectman Robin Cyr present.
2. Secretary's Report: Mr. Dixon motioned to accept the secretary's report as written. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
3. Assessing Abatements & Supplements: Abatement for Mack Moody- The manufactured home was removed from this account prior to 04/01/2019, but Ryan didn't get a copy of the Certificate of Taxes/Sewer Fees Paid so it was not in Ryan's spring Inspection list. The taxpayer was able to provide a copy which is attached. The amount of the abatement is \$145.45. Mr. Dixon motioned to accept the abatement as written. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
4. Citizen's Concerns: None
5. Road Commissioner Update: Todd Littlefield not present – he gave an update to Brandy Sloan. Ms. Sloan informed the board that Mr. Littlefield feels the light on the Falls Road should be turned on.
6. New Business.
  - Ken Spencer: 102 Hanscom Rd: Mr. Spencer was unable to attend the meeting. His concern was his ditch on the Hanscom Road that hasn't been fixed as of yet. Mr. Littlefield is aware of his concern and advised it will be taken care of. Although there are other priorities that Mr. Littlefield needs to take care of first beforehand. He has advised Mr. Spencer of this.
  - Falls Rd. Streetlight discussion: Truman Williams was present and spoke in favor of keeping the light off on the Falls Road. Barbara Warren & Dennis West were present and are in favor of having the Falls Road streetlight turned back on. They were unaware this was a discussion back when it was turned off. Mr. Dixon advised that the Selectmen & Road Commissioner will drive by to assess their opinion and will vote at the next meeting.
  - Oil Bids for office: Bids were sent in for oil service for the Town Office along with General Assistance. The lowest bid came from Fabian Oil in the amount of \$2.349 for #2 fuel, and a \$199.00 service contract that covers 1 free cleaning annually and 25% off parts and labor for repair work. Ms. Cyr motioned to accept Fabian Oil's bid for the amounts listed. Mrs. Patterson seconded, all voted in favor.
  - Update Averill Mobile Park regarding the safety of the drinking water: As of November 1, 2019 Averill MHP still shows "Do Not Drink" for the public water supply. Last week both wells tested okay for a public water supply according to

David Savage. Maine Drinking Water plans to conduct more tests the week of November 4, 2019. More information from Mr. Savage regarding this is attached.

- Raising the sewer rates: Mr. Dixon would like to increase the sewer rates. He provided the other selectmen a sewer expenses and charge outs spreadsheet. Ms. Cyr would like time to review the information given before making any decisions. She has questions that need to be answered to have a better understanding. The selectmen agreed to place this item back to the December agenda.

-Line Item for Discussion

7. Old Business.

- CMP update: Mr. Dixon asked that this be put on the next agenda so he can get some more information.

- Pump Station- Completion of job by Fanado update: Mr. Dixon advised that Mr. Fanado's job has been completed per his contract.

- Discuss CMD: Mr. Dixon feels the Town cannot charge CMD for the sewer liens placed at 1599 Benton Ave. He is going to have the town's attorney Bill Lee look more into this and advice at the next meeting.

8. Executive Session to discuss Confidential Records in accordance with MRSA405(6)(F): Mr. Dixon motioned to go into executive session at 7:16pm. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

9. Adjourn: Ms. Cyr motioned to end executive session at 7:47pm, Mr. Dixon seconded. Both in favor. Adjourn.