



Town of Benton
Monday-May 14, 2018
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1. Roll Call: Selectwoman Melissa Patterson, Selectwoman 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. First Park: Jim Dinkle introduced himself as the new Director of First Park. Mr. Dinkle stated that First Park is the second largest employer in the Central Maine Region. He also made note that Benton does contribute \$18,000 dollars towards First Park.
5. Shawn Dixon spoke in favor of the elimination of Libby Street. Mr. Dixon spoke of reconfiguring the intersection that runs in front of the old Libby Convenience Store. He believes it will be a small cost to the town and that the town could possibly use TIF money. Selectwoman Patterson read an email from the Lawyers from Maine Municipal that the Town of Benton must contact MDOT, since it is a State Road. Mr. Dixon said that he had spoken to David at MDOT and that the State would need the signatures of the selectman to show that the Town is willing to close the road. Selectwoman Cyr would like to have input from the townfolks before proceeding. Kathy Bolster a member of the Planning Board cautioned the selectman to be careful before signing their names to any legal documents regarding the road closure. Mr. Dixon would provide a draft letter for the proposal.
6. Old Business: Gary Bulger Update: Mr. Bulger is coming into compliance, if not a fine will be assessed starting June 30, 2018.
7. Selectman Dixon would like there to be a meeting of the Sewer Committee to discuss an increase in user fees. Customers are not paying their fair share, the storm water discharge has increased and residents have not been charged. Selectwoman Cyr and Gary Dixon will schedule a meeting.
8. Pumping Station: Sign the contract, \$16,500 will go the Engineering cost. Selectwoman Cyr motioned, Selectwoman Patterson seconded the motion. All in favor.
9. Mowing Contract: There were two bids. One from Robert Steeves for \$40, 500 and the other from Carl Creasy for \$20,400. Selectwoman Patterson made a motion to accept the bid from Mr. Creasy, Selectwoman Cyr seconded. All in favor the mowing contract was awarded to Mr. Creasy.
10. Selectman Dixon had concerns with the lack of communication between the Town of Clinton and the Town of Benton concerning PERC. Selectwoman Patterson relayed that

Pam would set up a meeting. If the Town of Benton does not hear from Pam there maybe official complaints filed.

11. Contract with KVCOG: To reconsider hiring Ross Nason as the Code Enforcement Officer. Concerns were brought forth about Mr. Ross's organizational skills, his performance and flexibility. It was also discussion of adding hours for the CEO from 4 hours to 8. Tuesday's hours would be 8-12 and Thursday's hours would be Noon-4. The consensus was to rehire Mr. Nason under the assumption that in September of 2018 the Selectman would revisit his job performance. If no improvement the town will began looking for another CEO, Selectwoman Cyr made the motion, Selectwoman Patterson seconded, all in favor. Selectman Dixon made the motion to accept the contract from KVCOG, Selectwoman Cyr seconded; all in favor.
12. Abatement: Paul Allen, 680 Benton Road for \$61.37. Selectwoman Patterson made the motion, Selectwoman Cyr seconded. All in favor.
13. Concerned Citizens: Ron Hood would like the Stage Coach Rd brought up to town specifications. He would also like it put on the warrant next March, to have the town accept as a recognized road. Selectman Patterson said she would have the Road Commissioner Littlefield take a look at it.
14. The Carter property: Attorney Dave Bernier will be looking into foreclosure of the property and will have more information by the end of the month.
15. Replacement of Copiers: Selectwoman Patterson presented quotes from A Copy Technologies First for new copiers for the office. It was decided to upgrade the copiers and sign a contract with A Copy Technologies First. Selectwoman Cyr motioned, Selectman Dixon seconded. All in favor.
16. The pavement bid was postponed until Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6 pm when Road Commissioner Littlefield could be present. Three bids were submitted.
17. The Economic Planning Committee was postponed until Wednesday, May 23. 2018 at 6 p.m.
18. Selectwoman Patterson made notice that a Chair had not been selected. Selectwoman Patterson made a motion that Selectman Dixon remain in the seat. Selectwoman Cyr seconded the motion.
19. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.