



TOWN OF BENTON  
Monday – March 12, 2018, 6:00 PM  
Benton Town Office

1. Roll Call: Selectman Doug Dixon, Selectman Robin Cyr & Selectman Melissa Patterson were present.
2. Secretary's Report. Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept the minutes as written. Ms. Cyr seconded. All voted in favor.
3. CEO Contract. Ross Nason was present. Mr. Nason expressed his concerns over lack of hours in his existing contract. Mr. Nason is asking for additional hours. Mr. Nason proposed a new contract of \$16,299. Kathe Bolster said the contract amount should not exceed the allotted amount from the CEO warrant article. The board was in agreement. Mr. Nason will go back and revise said contract and eliminate hours to fit into the \$15,900 contract amount awarded at the Annual Town Meeting.
4. The Bulger Property located on the Unity Road was discussed due to DEP demanding a 100% clean up. The property is located on a wet land area. The Selectboard voted to proceed with a total clean up and to have clean up completed by June 15, 2018. Mr. Ross Nason, CEO will draft a letter explaining the next steps to Mr. Bulger.
5. Value Payment System. This would allow the Town of Benton to accept online payments from residents. A 2.45% charge would be applied to each transaction. Mrs. Patterson will look into this further. She will get additional information on secure payments.
6. LD 2202. This is a bill to allow people over 60 years old to volunteer on their town committees to receive a tax rebate. Pat Lanning had concern over individual timesheets and how the hours would be tracked for payment. Mrs. Lanning said Kittery and Saco both have this program. Ms. Cyr said there must be a cap set as well as a rate determined for this program. Ms. Cyr will look into Kittery and Saco and how they run this in each town.
7. New Hire. Mrs. Patterson motioned to hire Karen Rancourt-Thomas. Mr. Dixon seconded the motion. All voted in favor to offer Karen Rancourt-Thomas the position of Deputy Town Clerk.
8. Assessing Abatements & Supplements. None.
9. Old Business. A survey will be needed for the parcel of land donated from Doug Blasidell near Brown Cemetery. Updated Cemetery Contract will need to be completed prior to the job being put out to bid on April 1, 2018.
10. Citizens Concerns. Leo Caron wanted to make sure someone touched base with Kay Gagnon regarding the Church Supper on May 19, 2018 due to the Alewife Festival

Supper being on the same day. Mr. Dennis Kent wanted an update regarding the reimbursement from the Town of Clinton from the MRC Contract. It is believed that Clinton is the actual Charter member and they would be the participating member who would receive the money. Robin Cyr will draft a letter to Clinton regarding this and Melissa Patterson will look for the contract language between Clinton and Benton regarding the transfer station.

11. Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept the annual appointments as written. Ms. Cyr seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- \*Town of Benton Ballot Clerks
- \*Patrick Turlo- Fence Viewer
- \*Kathy Ross-ACO
- \*Ross Nason-CEO
- \*Gary Dixon-Sewer Committee
- \*Robin Cyr-Sewer Committee
- \*Duane Bickford-Emergency Mgmt Committee
- \*Town of Benton Budget Committee
- \*Richard Lawrence-Alewife Warden
- \*James Mayo-Tax Collector
- \*Robin Cyr-KVCOG Rep
- \*Allan Fuller-KVCOG Rep
- \*Gary Dixon-KSTD Rep
- \*Doug Dixon- Fair Hearing Officer

10. Adjourned at 7:33 PM. Mrs. Patterson motioned to adjourn. Ms. Cyr Seconded. + All in favor.