



## **Town of Benton**

*Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6:00 PM*

*Benton Town Office*

1. Roll call: Selectman Robin Cyr, Selectman Doug Dixon, and Selectmen Melissa Patterson present.
2. Secretary's Report: Ms. Cyr motioned to accept the secretary's report as written, Mrs. Patterson seconded, all voted in favor.
3. New Business.
  - Code Enforcement- Property on Unity Road: The Town of Benton has yet to receive a receipt of letter served to Gary Bulger. Mr. Dixon says Mr. Bulger has been served, the Town of Benton is just waiting for receipt.
  - Doug Blaisdell: Brown Cemetery: Discussion was held by Mr. Blaisdell in regards to drainage issues, property lines at Brown Cemetery, & paperwork for plowing Blaisdell Lane. Mr. Blaisdell is in the process on building a new garage on Blaisdell Lane and is in hopes to have the system installed by the end of April. Ms. Cyr told Mr. Blaisdell that she added a warrant (article) to the March Town Meeting requesting funds for a survey to be done, and deed work. She will also get Mr. Littlefield and Ross Nason to collaborate and see what needs to happen. Mrs. Patterson spoke of the paperwork needed to install the drainage system. The paperwork was not signed before by Todd Littlefield; he didn't feel comfortable signing at that point. Mr. Dixon told Mr. Blaisdell that he would follow up on it and get back to him on what needs to be done. Leo Caron asked if Blaisdell Lane is going to be paved in the summer. Mr. Dixon said "no". Mr. Blaisdell noted that he would be asking for streetlights to be installed in the near future as well.
4. Old Business.
  - GIS Mapping: Mrs. Patterson spoke with Aaron Weston. As long as the article passes at Town Meeting, Mrs. Patterson will be in touch with Mr. Weston to move forward to update the town maps. Ms. Cyr asked if the town would get proofs. Ryan Stinneford will get proofs, and the maps will be digital.
  - Pump Station Upgrade: Gary Dixon handed out draft proposals and site plans for the pump station upgrade, as well as a list of plugs the pump station had. Gary

verified that a couple of wet wells still exist at the site and they will be utilizing them as much as possible.

Ms. Cyr asked if the new pump station could be built at the same site that was talked about last meeting, where the wet wells already exist. Gary indicated it could be built at that spot, they'd just have to revert the piping and electrical. *(2 minutes of meeting inaudible- Selectmen Cyr and Selectman Dixon have a conversation, residents in attendance having conversation at same time. Time from 26:11-27:40)*

Ms. Cyr told Gary that they added option #1 (\$125,000) to the warrant for Town Meeting, and also added another \$10,000 for the building. Gary feels the extra 10k is sufficient enough to cover the building.

Mr. Blaisdell asked if the Town of Benton would be acquiring property for this project. Selectman Dixon told Mr. Blaisdell that the Town of Benton is not acquiring property for this project yet, but they may. Ms. Cyr advised that TIF funds could be used to acquire property if need be.

5. Assessing Abatements & Supplements.

Scott Pillsbury Abatement: Map 07 Lot 6-05-ON, Re: Please abate Acct. #1796 for the 2014, 2015 and 2016 tax years. It is believed the 1968 single wide had been removed or demolished. 2014 owed: \$188.07, 2015 owed: \$148.80, 2016 owed: \$115.52, totaling \$452.39. Ms. Cyr motion to accept the abatement as written, Mrs. Patterson seconded, all voted in favor.

Other Business and Correspondence: Gogan Rd Update: Kim Lane has called the office looking for a decision on the requested street lights on Gogan Rd. Mr. Dixon asked if Todd Littlefield has looked at the request. Mrs. Patterson shared a correspondence from Brandy Meader (office staff) to Selectman Cyr and Selectman Dixon dated 01/11/2018. The correspondence has Mr. Littlefield's opinion of "We've never had street lights there, there's no problem with no lights there, but if the selectmen want to install lights he's good with the decision". Mr. Dixon motioned to not install the street lights as requested on the Gogan Rd, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

6. Citizen's Concerns:

Ed Markowski wants to have an update on Gary Bulger property on the Unity Rd. Mr. Markowski states Mr. Bulger has tried to do numerous illegal things on his property for years. His concerns varied from conservation land, proper permits, deeds, and sewer issues. Selectman Dixon informed Mr. Markowski that Mr. Bulger has been served paperwork from the Town of Benton regarding the matters and the State of Maine is involved as well.

7. Adjourn: Selectman Dixon motioned to adjourn at 7:15 PM, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.