



## **Town of Benton**

*Monday – March 13, 2017, 6:00 PM  
Benton Town Office*

1. Roll call: Selectman Dan Chamberlain, Selectman Melissa Patterson, & Selectman Robin Cyr present.
2. Secretary's Report: February's selectmen's meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather, no minutes to accept. Brandy did not provide January's minutes due to an oversight.
3. Citizens' Concerns:
  - Charlie Kent*: Expressed that he would like to have a Town Manager for the Town of Benton.
  - Audrey Lee*: Wants the CEO to look at Raymond Guzzo's property on the Unity Rd. She's concerned it's looking like a junkyard.
  - Robin Patterson*: Would like to have the agenda and minutes listed on the town's website for Selectmen's meetings.
4. Road Commissioner's Report: Todd Littlefield, absent - sick
5. New Business:
  - KTSD Solar Panels*: Mr. Chamberlain advised that KTSD has started installing the solar panels at the treatment plant.
  - Grass Eaters Mowing Contract*: The office received a bid from Grass Eaters Mowing for the 2017 season. Mrs. Patterson motioned to use Grass Eaters Mowing for the third consecutive year at \$7,266.74, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
  - Duane Bickford*- Asked that the Town of Benton help pay for the new regional training facility being built in Fairfield. Benton's cost would be \$15,021.95 a year.
  - Catherine Nadeau*: Mrs. Nadeau is a new member of Fire Commission & Inland Fisheries and Wildlife committee. Mrs. Nadeau also signed a bill for TIF credit, in regards to the minimum wage increase.
6. Old Business: None
7. Assessing Abatements & Supplements:
  - Jill Caron/Abatement*: Monk Rd., Richard Lawrence asked that the assessed value be considered where most of the land is entirely under CMP transmission lines, it doesn't appear to be a buildable lot, and has been reassessed as rare acreage. The 2014-2016 assessment was \$15,250. The updated assessment is \$14,400. Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept Jill Caron's abatement as written, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

-*Dan Witham/Abatement*: Mr. Witham's building was damaged from a fire. The principal was \$138.60; Interest \$33.78, totaling \$172.38. Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept the abatement in the amount of \$172.38. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

8. Other Business and Correspondence:

-*Alewife Harvest*: Mr. Chamberlain advised that the current Alewife Harvest location might not be available to use because of construction being done on the dam. An alternative location would be up stream on Twenty Five Mile Stream. Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept the alternate location of Twenty Five Mile Stream. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

-*Mrs. Patterson* motioned to adopt the 2017 Alewife Harvest Plan for the upcoming season. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor

-*Park Expense*: Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept the bid from Johnson's Tree Care in the amount of \$1,910.00 for park maintenance. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

-*Mrs. Patterson* motioned to accept the FOAA Rules for having one Selectman signature requirement for payroll. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

-*Mrs. Patterson* motioned to accept the quick claim deed for Clifford Dumont at 86 Trask Rd., Map 11 Lot 11. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

-*Maine Municipal Employee Health Trust*: Discussion was held on Approved Article 11. Ms. Cyr advised there would be a meeting held March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for the Selectmen to decide what insurance option they will choose.

9. Appointments: Mr. Chamberlain read aloud the list of 2017 Appointments. No motion was made.

10. Adjourn: Ms. Cyr motioned to adjourn, Mrs. Patterson seconded, all voted in favor.