



Town of Benton
Monday-June 11, 2018
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1. **Roll Call:** Selectwoman Melissa Patterson, Selectwoman Robin Cyr and Chair Doug Dixon were present.
2. **Acceptance of Secretary's Report**
3. **Old Business:** Discussion about increasing the Sewer rate 5%.
4. **Flood Management Plan** : Approved
5. **New Business:** A public hearing will be held on July 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss increasing the Sewer rate by 5 %. Selectwoman Cyr motioned, Selectwoman Patterson seconded all in favor.
6. **Appeals Board:** Selectwoman Cyr thanked the Appeals Board for their service. Selectwoman Cyr suggested that the Chair should have a background in public administration or a legal background. Ron Hood reminded the selectman that the appeals board had not met in over 7 years. It was discussed the appeals board should have scheduled trainings periodically. It was also discussed that the board needs to have the tools to use, such as supporting documents and an updated ordinance book, An increase in the amount that the members are paid will be taken up at next month's meeting which is on July 9, 2018. The current members on the Appeals Board are as follows: David Christen, Eric Cyr, Sue Giguere, Ron Hood and Will White.
7. **Planning Board:** The Selectwoman Cyr discussed the Land Use Ordinance. KVCOG will give an estimate of the cost and will mark all sections of the ordinance that need to be updated. It should take between 8-10 hours to complete. Selectwoman Cyr motioned to approve, Selectwoman Patterson seconded. All in favor.
8. Due to the amount of permits issued by the CEO, the Planning Board has decided to have a second meeting this month. The next meeting will take place June 26, 2018, at 6 p.m.
9. **Gary Bulger:** CEO Nason told the Selectman that the matter is now in the hands of the Towns Attorney. Mr. Bulger has until June 30, 2018 to be in compliance per ordinance of the Town of Benton. Selectwoman Cyr asked that a curtesy letter be sent to Mr. Bulger, indicating that the June 30, 2018 deadline is drawing near.

10. **Citizens' Concerns:** Audrey Lee had concerns about the mowing contract. June 14, 2018 there will be a meeting at the Clinton Town Hall to discuss PERC contract. Pat Lanning made a suggestion that the Planning Board meetings be moved to the following Tuesday if there is an election scheduled on the same day, due to lack of handicap accessibility
11. **Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**