



Town of Benton

Monday – July 11, 2016, 6: 00 PM

Benton Town Office

1. Roll call: Selectman Dan Chamberlain, Selectman Melissa Patterson, & Selectman Robin Cyr present.
2. Secretary's Report: Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept the minutes as written, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
3. Citizens' Concerns: None
4. Road Commissioner's Report: Todd Littlefield not present.
6. Old Business.
 - Open Sealed Plow Contract Bids: Two bids were received. The first bid is from Len Poulin. First Year- \$149,760, Second Year- \$154,250, & Third Year \$158,880. Second bid is from Nitram. First Year- \$166,400, Second Year-\$171,500, & Third Year \$176,600. Ms. Cyr recommended checking the references provided by the bidders before making a decision. Mrs. Patterson & Mr. Chamberlain agreed. The Selectmen will hold a meeting Monday July 18th at 8:30am to grant the plowing contract.
7. New Business / Set Mill Rate: Richard Lawrence and Ryan Stinneford met this morning to discuss the mill rate. Both Mr. Stinneford & Mr. Lawrence feel comfortable with a 13.7 mill rate. This rate would leave a \$19,961 overlay. A 13.8 mill rate would leave a \$38,000 overlay that Mr. Lawrence feels is not necessary. A 13.6 mill rate would leave a \$1,000 overlay and Mr. Lawrence does not feel comfortable with this. The increase is caused by the increase in the MSAD49 school budget & revenue sharing. Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept the recommended 13.7 mill rate as suggested by Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Stinneford. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
8. Assessing Abatements & Supplements: None
9. Other Business and Correspondence:
 - Duane Bickford provided the Fairfield Fire Dept. quarterly reports to selectmen.
 - Ron Hood asked that the Lord Road street sign be replaced
 - Gary Dixon informed the selectmen that pump station #2 will soon need to be replaced. He will let the Town of Benton know the exact cost of replacement when he finds out.

10. Appointments:

Replacement for Harry Fitzpatrick on MSAD49 School Board: The Town of Benton received 5 interested parties to fill Mr. Fitzpatrick's seat. With the number of interested parties the Town of Benton asked for a brief summary as to why they would like the position and resume. Darcy Dow, Brandi Lee, Katie Flood-Gerow, & June Caron supplied the requested info. After discussion Mr. Chamberlain motioned to appoint Katie Flood-Gerow as replacement for Harry Fitzpatrick on the MSAD49 school board. Mrs. Patterson seconded, all voted in favor.

Cemetery Committee: Guy Lawrence, Robin Patterson, Ron Liberty, & Kelly Liberty. Mrs. Patterson motioned to approve the members as listed. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

Animal Control Officer: Dave Huff called the Town of Benton Monday July 5th and gave his resignation over the phone effective immediately. Mrs. Patterson called numerous towns including Fairfield, Albion, Winslow, Clinton, etc. Mrs. Patterson spoke with Peter Nerber, the ACO of Albion. Mr. Nerber would like to take over as ACO for the Town of Benton. Mr. Chamberlain motioned to appoint Mr. Nerber as ACO for the Town of Benton. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

KVCOG Representative: Allan Fuller is the current Town of Benton KVCOG representative. Mr. Fuller would like to continue to be so. Mrs. Patterson motioned to keep Mr. Fuller as KVCOG representative for the Town of Benton. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

11. Adjourn: Mrs. Patterson motioned to adjourn at 6:45pm, Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.