

TOWN OF CLARENDON, VERMONT

MINUTES

SELECTBOARD MEETING-REGULAR

Monday, May 23rd, 2016

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS:

Robert Congdon, Jr, Clerk

Michael Klopchin, Chair

Arthur Knox

Daniel Pinkowski

Richard Wilbur

CALL TO ORDER: 6:23 p.m. (immediately following Town Plan Draft Hearing)

PRESENT AT MEETING: Selectboard (5), Administrative Assistant, Treasurer, Planning Commission Chair Carol Geery, Planning Commission Clerk Gale LiCausi; Alf Strom-Oleson, Marjorie Southard, Chris Beitzel of the Airport Development Committee, Lyle Jepson of REDC.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: The Board Chair asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. The Administrative Assistant stated she had received a request from Matthew Jakubowski to be added to the agenda pertaining to the Community Center. There were no objections.

Selectman Congdon requested a moment of silence in observance of Memorial Day, as the Board would not be meeting that day. A moment of silence was observed.

APPROVAL OF SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Selectboard Meeting Regular – May 9th, 2016: Selectman Congdon asked that the spelling of his surname be corrected on page 3 second paragraph. The minutes were approved with the correction.

A brief clarification of how minutes are approved was provided

Selectboard Hearing Town Plan – May 9th, 2016: Selectman Congdon motioned to approve the minutes with the following correction. “Mr. Strom-Oleson expressed his concern that the language in the plan was too proactive, and some of the language might be perceived as being biased against energy siting.”, was changed to “Mr. Strom-Oleson expressed his concern that the language in the draft plan at the top of page 65 may be too restrictive to solar projects under 150 kw; the planning commission chair clarified the details that it only affects projects over 150 kw and referenced the draft plan back to page 63.” Selectman Pinkowski seconded, the minutes were approved with the correction.

HIGHWAY: The Road Commissioner was not present at the meeting.

RSMS – The Administrative Assistant gave the Board an update on her and the Road Commissioner’s progress on the Road Network Inventory.

The Board Chair updated the public on the progress of the work on the Salt Shed; the Board Chair and Selectman Pinkowski updated the Board and the public on their meeting with the State to discuss the railroad crossings at Walker Mountain Road and Alfrecha Road. After speaking to the State, the road

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surface at the Alfrecha crossing will be brought up past the level of the rails before July 1st; the Walker Mountain crossing will be smoothed out after July 1st. No lights will be installed, but a new brush cutter will be used that will make visibility better. A brief discussion followed on trains and future rails.

The Board Chair asked that the Administrative Assistant find the date that the detour signs for Bridge 11 would be up and place the information on the website.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL WARRANTS: All new warrants and warrants previously signed by the designated Select Board member were approved and signed by all Select Board members.

GUEST: Chris Beitzel and Lyle Jepson, Airport Development Committee: Mr. Beitzel introduced himself and Mr. Jepson, and informed the Board that a subcommittee on the continued development of business at the airport had been formed; on May 31st a meeting to discuss the goals of the subcommittee will be held, and the possible application for a planning grant was mentioned. Mr. Jepson stated that he wished to keep the Town informed of any development or progress. The north running taxiway was discussed, as well as drainage. Selectman Pinkowski asked about the approximate yearly number of enplanements (fares); Mr. Beitzel stated that counting Cape Air flights only, the enplanements number approximately 6000, total enplanements approximately 12,000, and discussed the increase in Federal funding from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000 if the Cape Air flights reach 10,000 enplanements. The subsidies given to Cape Air were discussed, as well as who attends the monthly airport committee meetings. Opportunities for development in Phase 1 and Phase 2 in the industrial park were reviewed, as well as the lack of water availability in Phase 2. Mr. Jepson advised that if a strategic planning grant was applied for, a letter of approval would be needed from the Select Board. The sewer capacity was also discussed.

GUEST: Roger Loomis and Tim Mumford, Recreation: Mr. Loomis and Mr. Mumford were not present at the meeting.

GUEST: Matthew Jakubowski, Community Center: Mr. Jakubowski was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (10 minutes): There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Spafford – Firework sales approval: The Board reviewed a letter approving Mike Spafford's retail fireworks, the legality of firework sales were briefly discussed confirmed as legal. Selectman Congdon motioned to approve the letter, Selectman Wilbur seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

Clarendon Flats Fence – The Administrative Assistant detailed her efforts to find quotes on the fence repair work. After a brief discussion, Springfield fence was suggested.

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NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (5 minutes): There were no comments.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer had no new information to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

The Administrative Assistant brought the following before the Board.

1. Mill River Lumber has expressed interest in logging the 66 acres that the Town owns off of East Street. Selectman Congdon suggested having the lumber analyzed by the Town's tree warden, Josef Peterson. Selectman Pinkowski advised that to be stewards of renewable energy, it is not beneficial to let a forest go unattended. After further discussion, Selectman Congdon motioned to hire Josef Peterson to evaluate the area and report back to the Board, Selectman Knox seconded, the motion passed unopposed.
2. Dates in June were discussed for the VT Alert Notifier training. The Board agreed to wait until July to schedule a training.
3. The Project Coordinator for Bridge 11 had offered to hold a public informational meeting on bridge replacement if there was interest. After discussion, and input from residents living near the bridge, the Board agreed that enough informational meetings had already been held, and declined to hold another.

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS: There were no concerns.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:13 p.m., Selectman Knox motioned to adjourn, Selectman Congdon seconded.

SIGNED: _____ Michael Klopchin, Chair /s

SIGNED: _____ Robert Congdon, Jr., Clerk/s

These minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Heather Kent, Administrative Assistant, and were approved on June 13th, 2016.