

# TOWN OF CLARENDON, VERMONT

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## MINUTES SELECTBOARD MEETING-SPECIAL Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

### SELECT BOARD MEMBERS:

Robert Congdon, Jr, Clerk  
Michael Klopchin, Chair  
Arthur Knox  
Daniel Pinkowski  
Richard Wilbur (A)

CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT AT MEETING: Selectboard (4), Administrative Assistant, Treasurer, Emergency Management Officer Matthew Jakubowski, Cindy Davis, Marjorie Southard, Arthur Menard. VT Alert presenters Randy Bronson and Brett LaRose.

PURPOSE OF MEETING AS WARNED: To review/act on information about the VT Alert notification system, and to discuss/act on any other matter as becomes necessary.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: There were none.

PRESENTATION OF VT ALERT: The Presenters introduced themselves to the Board, and gave an overview of the VT ALERT notification system. The service is free to the Town and public; the public would need to sign up on [www.vtalert.gov](http://www.vtalert.gov), and detail what kind of notifications they wish to receive and to what devices that notification would be sent to. Notifications can be sent through a voice call, SMS, text, email, or all of the above, in the categories of: life threatening emergencies, severe weather, traffic conditions, public health, amber alerts, and other missing person notifications. The Town would have the ability to bypass those preferences and send an emergency notification to any registered 911 number if needed; the Town would also be able to send the notification to a targeted area on the map, or a specified group of people, such as the Road Crew. Selectman Knox asked if anyone was able to send notifications for the Town, Mr. Bronson responded no, the Town would have designated "notifiers" that would be the only ones with that ability. Documents, such as pictures, could also be attached to the alert, and there is not a limit on the number of notifications that can be sent by the Town, nor on the number of targeted groups that can be established for notifications. A demonstration was given with an alert being sent to the presenters' cell phones. The Board Chair asked how the Town could move forward, and the process was discussed as well as the preliminary list of notifiers that would be submitted, and what VT Alert might look like in the future. The Board agreed to move forward with adopting VT Alerts, and the Administrative Assistant was instructed to draft the required letter and place it on the May 9<sup>th</sup> agenda.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

The contract for the stairs in the salt shed was briefly discussed and agreed to be put on the agenda for May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Board Chair gave an update on the airport and the continuing improvements there, and detailed that Markowski's had asked to dump the excavated soil from the airport, around 60,000 yards, behind the

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transfer station, where the Recreation Committee would then make a lower recreation field from it. A discussion followed on the possibility of getting the parking lot in the recreation field done by Markowski's.

Matt Jakubowski advised the Board that there is a possibility of a resident beginning a retail fireworks business in Town and discussion followed. Mr. Jakubowski also updated the Board on the possibility of a dry hydrant being installed under bridge 11, and that it would most likely not be possible due to the changes to be made by the new bridge installation.

The Treasurer advised the Board that there were funds available to widen Quarterline Road, and a discussion on the widening of Quarterline and Schoolhouse Hill followed.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:15, Selectman Knox motioned to adjourn, Selectman Congdon seconded, the motion carried unopposed.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ Michael Klopchin, Chair /s  
SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Congdon, Jr., Clerk/s

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Administrative Assistant Heather Kent, and are scheduled for approval May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.