

TOWN OF CLARENDON, VERMONT

MINUTES

SELECTBOARD MEETING-SPECIAL

Thursday, December 10th, 2015

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS:

Robert Bixby, Clerk
Robert Congdon, Jr (excused)
Michael Klopchin, Chair
Arthur Knox
Richard Wilbur (excused)

CALL TO ORDER: 6:47

PRESENT AT MEETING: Selectmen (5), Administrative Assistant, Treasurer, Town Clerk. Marjorie Southard.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: There were no additions or deletions.

OPENING OF BIDS FOR DRAINAGE WORK ON CONGDON FARM: At 6:48 p.m., Selectmen Congdon and Wilbur recused themselves from the discussion, due to direct conflicts of interest, and exited the meeting leaving Selectmen Bixby and Knox, and the Board Chair for a quorum. The Board Chair then presented the three bids as follows:

- Fabian Earth Moving: \$6,615.00
- Markowski Excavating, Inc.: \$10,145.00
- Allard Excavating: \$14,000.00

After the Board had reviewed each bid, Selectman Knox commented that Markowski's had done work for the Town in the past, and motioned that the Board consider the Markowski bid, Selectman Bixby seconded the motion for discussion. A brief discussion on the bid followed, ending with the Board Chair calling for a vote on accepting the Markowski bid. Selectman Bixby and the Board Chair voted nay, with Selectman Knox voting yay, the Markowski bid was rejected 2 to 1.

The Board Chair motioned to accept the Fabian Earth Movers' bid, and send thank you letters declining the other bids, Selectman Bixby seconded. The motion passed unopposed. Selectman Bixby motioned to have the Board Chair sign the Fabian bid, Selectman Knox seconded. The Board Chair signed the bid.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (5 minutes):

There were no comments

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS: Selectman Bixby stated that the Town has no way of knowing when mobile homes have been taken out of the Town, and suggested that the legislature needed to be contacted. Selectman Knox suggested having a permitting process in place for when they are moved; the Board Chair requested the Administrative Assistant research the matter. The Town Clerk was asked her opinion; she stated that before a mobile home is moved, she must have a bill of sale presented to her that she signs. A discussion on the difficulty on enforcing any penalty or permitting process followed. Select

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Bixby stated that the State has to be involved. Marjorie Southard commented on her experience moving a mobile home she had owned.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:02 p.m., Selectman Knox motioned to adjourn, Selectman Bixby seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

SIGNED: _____ Michael Klopchin, Chair /s

SIGNED: _____ Robert Bixby, Clerk/s

These minutes taken and respectfully submitted by Heather Kent, Administrative Assistant, and were approved December 28th, 2015.

APPROVED