

TOWN OF CLARENDON, VERMONT

MINUTES

SELECTBOARD HEARING – PARKING VIOLATION KATRIN FELICETTI

Monday, November 28th, 2016

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS:

Robert Congdon, Jr, Clerk

Michael Klopchin, Chair

Arthur Knox (A)

Daniel Pinkowski

Richard Wilbur

CALL TO ORDER: 5:54 p.m.

PARTICIPATED IN HEARING: Select Board (4), Administrative Assistant.

HEARING OF TESTIMONY FROM APPELLANT: The Board Chair commented that although the appellant had been given additional time to appear, she was not present, and asked the Board's pleasure.

Selectman Wilbur motioned that the appeal be denied, and that the appellant be notified that the fines would double according to Town Ordinance, Selectman Congdon seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

ADJOURNMENT: At 5:58 p.m., Selectman Congdon motioned to adjourn, Selectman Pinkowski seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

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 December 12th, 2016.

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SELECTBOARD MEETING-REGULAR AND BUDGET

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CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT AT MEETING: Select Board (4), Administrative Assistant, Treasurer; Robert Bixby, Marjorie Southard, Alf Strom-Olsen, Jeff Grembowicz, Cindy Davis, Planning Commission Chair Carol Geery, Planning Commission member Bryan Johnson, Lister George Ambrose, Lister Chair Robert Underhill. Also present were Barbara Noyes-Pulling of the Regional Planning Commission and Brayton West the Flood Plain Manager for South West Vermont.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: The Board Chair asked if there were any objections to discussing Jeff Grembowicz's concerns about the maintenance of his road, there were none. Mr. Grembowicz advised the Board that when Joel Baker of the Road Crew graded or plowed School House Hill Road in front of his property, his property next to the road was severely gouged. After a brief discussion, the Board Chair stated that two Select Board members and the Road Commissioner would meet with Mr. Grembowicz on his property to discuss the issue, and instructed the Administrative Assistant to set up the meeting.

APPROVAL OF SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Select Board Meeting Regular and Budget – November 14th, 2016: Selectman Congdon motioned to approve the minutes as written, Selectman Pinkowski seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

GUEST: Ethan Swift, River Corridors: Barbara Noyes-Pulling and Brayton West appeared in Mr. Swift's stead. Mr. West presented information to the Board of Selectmen and the public on River Corridors; he described what a river corridor is, and what risks there are when development occurs within a river corridor. The Board Chair reviewed the history of the rivers in town, and expressed his concern for property owners already in a potential river corridor, and what the impact might be to them, in terms of insurance repercussions and restrictions. Mr. West explained that a flood plain and a river corridor are almost identical, and those property owners already in a flood plain would not be greatly affected, and that there were no insurance requirements for a river corridor. A discussion followed on possible regulations, and Mr. West advised the Board that model regulations are available. Selectmen Pinkowski commented on the potential for property value decreases for properties in a river corridor, and the economic repercussions. The Cold River was identified as a priority issue. On request of the Planning Commission Chair, the differences between a river corridor and a flood plain were again discussed. Barbara Noyes-Pulling suggested that the Planning Commission develop a list of vulnerable points, as well as goals regarding river corridors; the Board Chair stated that he hoped property owners would be involved. The Planning Commission Chair responded with what the Planning Commission was already preparing, and stated that there would likely be a community values assessment performed, and property owners would be involved. A member of the public questioned why the Cold River was being singled out,

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Selectman Congdon replied that anything written would most likely apply to all rivers in town. The Clean Water Act was discussed, as well as financial incentives for the Town if river corridors were adopted. The Planning Commission Chair commented that any river corridors established would most likely be in a flood plain, and the area of concern would be river corridors that are established outside of flood plains. The PC Chair also advised that it would be important to work with Shrewsbury as they will be establishing river corridors for their section of the Cold River. The Select Board thanked everyone for the discussion.

HIGHWAY: The Road Commissioner was not present.

Possible Executive Session, Personnel Review: Removed from agenda.

Parking Ticket Appeals: The Board discussed the two additional appeals by Ms. Kirsten Felicetti, Selectman Congdon motioned to deny the parking violation appeals, Selectman Wilbur seconded, the motion passed unopposed. The Board also discussed the letter from Mr. Gary Ayers regarding his dissatisfaction with the Board's October 24th decision to deny his appeal of his parking violation. Selectman Congdon motioned to deny Mr. Ayers a second hearing, and to inform him that his fines have accrued since October 24th, 2016, Selectman Pinkowski seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

A brief discussion followed on the no parking signs on Gorge Road, the Administrative Assistant was asked to follow up with the Road Commissioner to see if there were extra signs available. The need to have the Town ordinances on the website was also discussed.

Innovation Drive: Removed from agenda due to lack of information

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (10 minutes): Robert Bixby asked if the approximately \$2,500 requested from REDC for the "Killington Valley" marketing plan would be a separate article for the voters to approve. The Board agreed that it would be a separate article.

OLD BUSINESS:

Municipal Forest Logging – Contract: The Board reviewed the contract. Selectman Congdon motioned that the Board Chair sign on behalf of the Board, Selectman Wilbur seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

Cemetery Fact Finding Commission Report: (added to agenda) Cindy Davis presented the Board with an estimate from Old Skool Services for the remainder of the West side, the North side, and the clean-up of West Clarendon/Chippenhook cemetery. The amount of money available was discussed with the Treasurer, as well as what was required by law to be done. Selectman Congdon motioned to allocate \$1500 out of contingency for Old Skool Services to focus on the West side and remaining brush on the North side but to leave the piles of wood chips for the Road Crew to clean up, Selectman Pinkowski seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Grand List Correction – Personal Property: The Board reviewed a grand list correction for personal property for the Sovernet Fiber Corp. Selectman Congdon motioned to approve the correction of the Sovernet Fiber Corp, Selectman Wilbur seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: No report provided.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer stated that the Delinquent Tax Collector had done an excellent job taking in taxes, and \$154,572 in delinquent taxes had been collected. The Treasurer advised the Board that she would keep them updated on tax sales.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT: The Administrative Assistant advised the Board that the Historical Society of Clarendon Vermont had filed for incorporation with the State, and would soon be filing as a non-profit.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (5 minutes): Robert Bixby asked about budgeting, and a brief discussion followed.

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS: The Board Chair informed the Board that he had met with Tom Markowski about the next phase of the recreation fields, and stated that Tom Markowski would come in and give a formal presentation to the rest of the Board.

Selectman Congdon advised Marjorie Southard that there were a few windows out in the village chapel.

At 7:12 pm Selectman Congdon motioned to recess for ten minutes, Selectman Pinkowski seconded.

BUDGET – GENERAL GOVERNMENT: General government was reviewed with the following specified:

Town Hall Maintenance – it was agreed that bids should be obtained for the painting of the last two sides of the town hall, for FY17. The number for FY18 was adjusted to \$15,000.

Lister: The lister budget, including reappraisal was discussed. Lister George Ambrose advised the Board as to the issue of two Fire Lanes. The Administrative Assistant was asked to follow up on the issue along with the listers.

Solid Waste Expenses: The Board discussed the upcoming July 1st food scrap collection mandate, and the possible expense to the Town. The Administrative Assistant was asked to find out how much Hubbard's rental would be for a portable toilet at the transfer station.

Dog Census: The Board asked the Administrative Assistant to research the dog census issue with the Town Clerk.

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No other figures in General Government were changed.

Appropriations – Cemetery: After a lengthy discussion about cemetery regular maintenance and extraordinary work, and whether to make two different budget lines differentiating them, the Board decided to leave only one cemetery line, and to raise the amount to \$9,000.

An external audit was briefly discussed, the Treasurer advised the Board to leave it until her retirement.

Selectman Congdon commented on the Select Board stipend, and whether or not to raise it. After a brief discussion, the Board asked the Administrative Assistant to research the Select Board stipend in other towns.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:20 pm, Selectman Wilbur motioned to adjourn, Selectman Congdon seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

SIGNED: _____ Michael Klopchin, Chair /s

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

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