

TOWN OF CLARENDON, VERMONT

MINUTES

SELECTBOARD MEETING- REGULAR

Monday, September 11th, 2017

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS:

Robert Bixby, Clerk
Robert Congdon, Jr.
Michael Klopchin, Chair
Daniel Pinkowski (A)
Richard Wilbur

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00pm

PRESENT AT MEETING: Select Board (4), Administrative Assistant, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Alf Strom-Olsen, Marjorie Southard, Ed Baker, Joel Baker, Cindy Davis, Mike Pedone, Shannon Pytlik, Nanci McGuire.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN REMBERANCE OF 9/11: A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: The Board Chair asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Selectman Congdon motioned to move the berm removal to before highway, Selectman Bixby seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

APPROVAL OF SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Select Board Meeting Regular – August 28th, 217: Selectman Congdon motioned to approve the minutes subject to corrections, Selectman Bixby seconded. Selectman Wilbur asked that a typographical error on page two be corrected. The motion passed with no further corrections

Berm Removal, Cold River (OUT OF ORDER FROM AGENDA): The Board discussed the possibility of contributing funds to the berm removal grant. Shannon Pytlik advised that the grant could not go forward without a funding solution, and 10,000 dollars was requested from the Town. Selectman Congdon motioned to commit to budgeting 10,000 dollars in the general budget for FY19 as a match for the berm removal grant, Selectman Wilbur seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

HIGHWAY: The Road Commissioner was present and participated in discussion.

'06 Truck – Update: Ed Baker advised that engines had been found for the 2006, and presented estimates to the Board, as well as what the truck might be worth after repairs. The Board Chair asked the treasurer what the funds would be for a new truck next year, the treasurer replied that the equipment fund had sufficient funds. The Road Commissioner was consulted, and he advised that this was the cheapest option for this truck. Selectman Congdon motioned to authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the Board the estimate with Earle's for \$2,600 to put motor in and if possible to purchase the motor for \$8,900, Selectman Bixby seconded, the motion passed unopposed. The Board thanked Mr. Baker for his help.

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The culverts on Quarterline Road and land owner concerns were discussed. Selectman Congdon suggested that if the culverts come out whole, to offer them to Chris Lanfear for South Teer Road.

Intersection of Route 7/Shrewsbury Road – Discussion: After reviewing the Vtrans recommendations on the issue, Selectman Congdon motioned to have the Administrative Assistant author a letter to the District Transportation Manager regarding the board's concerns on the intersection, Selectman Bixby seconded the motion, the motion passed unopposed.

Speed Carts – Update: The Administrative Assistant advised the board as to the possible pricing of speed carts. Different options were discussed, including the possibility of buying a used speed cart, and looking into the State's used equipment auction. The Board Chair asked the Administrative Assistant to prepare some information for the Board for budget time.

The Road Commissioner confirmed that the paving on East Clarendon Road would begin soon.

The quote from Cargill for winter salt was discussed. Selectman Congdon motioned to have the Board Chair sign the quote for \$68.68/ton. Alf Strom Olsen asked if there were more options for salt purchase, the Road Commissioner advised that the other source, American Rock Salt, was stored outside and not as effective. Selectman Bixby seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

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: There was no guest.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (10 minutes): Marjorie Southard wished the Town Clerk a happy birthday. Cindy Davis advised that the time for the stone setting in the cemeteries was coming closer. The Board Chair advised that weekdays would be better for scheduling. What else would be needed for the stone setting was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Berm Removal, Cold River: Previously discussed.

East Clarendon Road – Parking Concerns: The Administrative Assistant updated the board that Christine Carrara had agreed to post the Carrara land in question and would put barricades up. The legal opinion on the Board's authority to post no parking signs was ambiguous, the Administrative Assistant would seek clarity.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The application for village center was approved for Clarendon Springs.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer presented an unaudited budget report for FY17 and expressed concern about the amount budgeted for salt compared to the Cargill contract. The Road Commissioner assured the Treasurer that the 1,300 tons stated in the proposal did not all have to be purchased.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT: The Board reviewed a request for the Zoning Administrator for funding to attend Municipal Day. Selectman Congdon motioned to approve the request, Selectman Congdon seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (5 minutes): There were none.

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS CONCERNS: Selectman Wilbur asked the Road Commissioner about the rodent situation in the garage, the Road Commissioner responded it was improving.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:10 pm, Selectman Congdon 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 are scheduled for approval on September 25th, 2017.