

TOWN OF CLARENDON, VERMONT

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING - REGULAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019

ATTENDEES:

SELECT BOARD

Michael Klopchin, Chair
Robert "Bob" Bixby, Clerk
Richard Wilbur
Cash Ruane
Robert Congdon

MEDIA

William Chmielewski, *PEG-TV*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Klopchin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Mike called for revisions to the Agenda. Cash moved to add an executive session to address personnel matters at the end of the meeting. Mike also noted that there are corrections to the Grand List, and Cash amended his motion to add that to the agenda as well. Robert moved to approve the additions to the Agenda, Cash seconded the motion, and it passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Board members reviewed the minutes of the August 12, 2019 meeting. Robert noted that he was absent from that meeting, and Cash was also absent. With those corrections, Bob moved to approve the minutes. Rick seconded the motion. Rick then indicated that, in the Highway report, the language could be revised to clarify that Mike and Bob examined the Kingsley Bridge. In addition, in fourth paragraph, second line down, indicated under 7 that there is a typographical error. The word "plated" should be "planted". Following that discussion, the motion passed with revisions.

4. APPROVAL OF AP AND PAYROLL WARRANTS

The Chair noted that the AP and Payroll warrants were being circulated for execution by Board members.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alf Strom-Olsen thanked the Board for their work on the draft marijuana ordinance.

6. HIGHWAY

A. Annual Highway Financial Plan – FY 2020

The Board reviewed, and briefly discussed, the Annual Highway Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 from VTRANS. Thereafter, Robert moved to adopt the plan. Bob seconded the motion, and it passed. All Board members then executed the plan.

B. Road and Bridge Update

Cash updated the Board and audience on the status of road and bridge work in Town. The paving of East Clarendon Road has been completed. The upper section of North Shrewsbury Road will also be done, and shoulder work started today. Cash asked for patience as the work is being completed.

Cash also reported that he met with contractors relative to work on the Kingsley Covered Bridge, and will be meeting with a representative from the State Thursday morning (August 29th) regarding the work to be done on Gorge Road so the road can be reopened as expeditiously as possible.

Robert then asked about the ongoing situation with shrubs on Middle Road causing problems with visibility. Cash noted that the shrubs have been trimmed back by hand. In addition, Mike reported that he and Cash met with the landowner, and it appears that the situation may have been resolved.

Mike then asked about the Creek Road/Walker Mountain Road intersection, since he was contacted by an individual who had concerns about that particular intersection, and asked that painting be done. Cash indicated that he will be looking into the situation as time permits.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Marijuana Ordinance

Mike addressed the proposed marijuana ordinance that has been discussed in previous meetings. He indicated that, in the spirit of being open and transparent and securing multiple points of view, the Board has coordinated with Art Peterson, Alf Strom-Olsen and Marjorie Southard on the issue. Once the draft is finalized, the ordinance will be posted in five places around Town as is required by State Statute, so that everyone in Town has the opportunity to review it. Posting locations will be as follows: Town Hall, Post Office, Selectboard Meeting Room, Town website and the transfer station.) The issue will then be addressed in the first meeting in September (September 9).

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mike announced one Grand List Correction, for a trailer located at 726 Route 103 that was destroyed. Robert moved to approve the revision, Rick seconded the motion, and it passed.

9. SELECTBOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Bob commented that he has received significant positive feedback on the work of the Roadcrew, and thanked them for all their hard work.

Cash reported that Green Mountain Power raised the wires near the dump in order to enhance safety.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Robert moved to enter into executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters, premature disclosure of which could cause harm to an individual or the entity. Bob seconded the motion, and the Board entered into executive session at 6:16 p.m.

The Board exited executive session at 6:43 p.m. on motion by Robert and seconded by Cash. Robert then moved to ratify the raises for Road Crew personnel recommended by the Road Commissioner, and to implement contribution to health care coverage for Road Crew personnel, retroactive to July 1, 2019 (with the health care contribution to begin with pay date 9/3/2019). Bob seconded the motion, and it passed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Business having concluded, Robert moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded the motion, and with no objection, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.