

TOWN OF CLARENDON, VERMONT

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING – REGULAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019

ATTENDEES:

SELECT BOARD

Michael Klopchin, Chair
Robert “Bob” Bixby, Clerk
Cash Ruane
Robert Congdon
Rick Wilber – Absent

MEDIA

William Chmielewski, PEG TV

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Klopchin called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Introduced new select board admin Kelly Aicher.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Joe Peterson/R Clarke – Motion: Robert 2nd. Cash – All approved
Meeting minutes for approval: 9/23; special meeting 9/24. Motion: Robert, 2nd. Bob – All approved
Executive Session at the end of the meeting: Litigation: Motion: Robert 2nd, Bob – All approved

Joe Peterson – R. Clarke update/Presented photos to board of work to date. New connecting trails were done by Gary Norton, dressed up trails and moved sign to increase visibility. Moved rocks to prevent ATV activity. Large rocks are in short supply. They could use some if Cash comes across any. Art Menard offered up rocks as well. Joe to GPS trails. Usable trails have doubled and drainage has been increased. Short term – ask people to understand trails may be muddy due to newly disturbed ground. May apply winter rye seed in order to help stabilize hills. If grass is planted it will be an added expense of mowing and maintenance. Leaf litter may be a better option.

Robert motioned to authorize Joe to disburse funds to Norton Property Management in the amount of \$3000 (per invoice) – 2nd Bob – All approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

9/23/19; approval of minutes from 9/23/19 not Monday the 24th. Motion: Robert 2nd Cash – All approved.

4. HIGHWAY

Road Commissioner Report: Driveway/culvert permits that came in. Hier Rd. Cash has done site visit for Jami Hawkins, needs 18’ culvert set back from the road. Robert motioned Cash to authorize to sign. 2nd Bob – All approved

*Update – Road grader radiator is under repair. Another local town is currently helping us with grading temporarily. Roadside mower is now running and backroads will be done.

Approval of Selectboard warrants: floating for approval by board; available by public

Guests: n/a

Public Comments: n/a

5. OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Admin – Updated fee schedule request: Legislature updated fee schedule for clerks 7/1/19 using it as a segue to update the fee schedule for Zoning as well. New fee schedule gives the opportunity to be more thorough/provide clarity to public. Jeff proposes a flat fee schedule rather than a per sq. ft. Discussed the use of box trailers and their need to be permitted depending on use. Joe advises that these are not new rules changed to “single use document” for ease of access. ** tabled until next meeting**

6. NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Biasuzzi – class recommendations: Jeff presented 10/2 seminar notes to board and reviewed seminar topics. Presented information to the board/public to disburse to others if interested. Marjorie commented saying zoning has been rather smooth since Jeff took over as ZA.

Transfer Station assurance letter – Mike read to the public. Motion: Robert to have chairman sign on behalf of the board. 2nd Bob – all approved

7. TOWN OFFICE REPORTS

Gloria: N/A

Heidi: Taxes due date 10/19 and reminder of longer hours to accommodate

Matt: Fire prevention was last Friday at the school; trunk or treat is coming up; heat pumps installed in the Community Center

8. BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Bob: RCSWD meeting – Jim O’Gorman retired. Mark Forshay replaces Jim. Bob expressed concerns about the state’s mandatory food waste program in 2020. Says there is a lot of disappointment and pushback and that it will be an expensive endeavor. Costs are approximately \$95.00 a ton for disposal.

Cash: Spoke about the sheriff dept and speeding concerns on the East Clarendon Rd.

Mike: N/A

Robert: N/A

9, Executive Session

Start: 6:57 PM

Litigation Session – Motion: Robert 2nd Cash – All approved

End: 7:21

Robert: Motion to have board chairman sign settlement agreement for ball field 2nd Cash – All approved

*There may be a non-disclosure agreement – to be followed up on.

9. Adjournment

Time: 7:23 PM Motion: Bob 2nd Robert – All approved