

# TOWN OF CLARENDON

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## MINUTES SELECT BOARD MEETING- REGULAR MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

### **ATTENDEES:**

#### Select Board

Mike Klopchin, Chair  
Bob Bixby, Clerk  
Cash Ruane  
Robert Congdon  
Rick Wilbur

Heidi Congdon, Treasurer  
Katie Rock, Board Secretary  
Cindy Davis  
Marjorie Southard  
Michael Nahmias  
Matt Jakubowski  
Louis McNeil  
Mike Pedone  
Karl Anderson  
Richard Sprese  
Alf StromOlsen  
Steve Benard  
William Chmiewlewski, PEG- TV

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Klopchin called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

### **2. AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS**

Cash motioned to delete executive session from the agenda and postpone until the January 27 meeting, and that Michael Nahmias and Louis McNeil and will go following the approval of meeting minutes. Robert seconded, all approved.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Robert motioned to approve all sets of minutes, Bob seconded, all approved. Note- Rick was no present for the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

\*note, this is out of order, per the agenda

#### **4. GUESTS**

**Michael Nahmias- PFAS Contamination update-** Michael and his team have been examining a fire retardant called PFAS found around the airport since 2017. They've been testing wells around the airport. They feel like they have found the source and the solution for PFAS. The Agency of Transportation has taken care to maintain the filter systems in place to keep clean water for the residents that live near the airport. They have done extensive research to stay on top of where the contaminant is flowing from and to, as well as how. Michael reported that there was no detection around the swimming hole or Scott Brooke. The concentration of the contaminant has decreased since the airport has changed the way they discharge their fire retardant. Bob Bixby asked Michael if they have tested wells near the high school and village since the original testing in 2017. Mike said they plan to do another investigation but the ones they received this summer were well below the Dept. of Health's level of contamination. There were slight detections of PFAS found around the car dealership on RT 7B North Ext. However, because it's so close to the GE plant they are waiting for more test results to determine the source.

#### **5. HIGHWAY**

##### **C. Louis McNeil- Septic Issue, Dogs, & Motorcycles on E. Clarendon Road**

Louis McNeil was present to discuss some issues regarding his neighbors on E. Clarendon Road. There are two dogs; a larger pit-bull looking one, and a small one. He explained that the dogs run loose on his lawn. He doesn't want them to cause physical harm to his family. Karl Anderson explained he had 5 incidents this past summer, concerning the dogs, on his campground that were dangerous. The dogs did not bite on any of the occasions, but it was close. Karl believes the bigger one needs to be taken away from the family. Louis agreed with Karl. Sheriff Steve Benard added that he had another complaint filed against the Simmonds' dogs on January 4<sup>th</sup>. The larger dog chased after a lady who was running on the road, bit and tore her jacket sleeve. Because the Simmonds' are not abiding by the leash laws but in place by the Town of Clarendon, and they are not registered, Sherriff Benard said he would draft a letter to inform the Simmonds a hearing must be held. Louis then discussed the septic issue. He felt like he couldn't use his property to the fullest because of the odor of the septic, as well as the dog and motorcycle issues. Chaiman Klopchin explained that the Simmonds have a D-Box that needs to be fixed. He also said the Board needed to more research about who owns what land. Selectman Congdon told Board Secretary, Katie, that we will call Patrick Lowkes from the State, repeatedly and demand there be a fix by date, and if not, the Town of Clarendon will post a temporary eviction notice until the system is fixed.

\*note- the Select Board resumed following the agenda

#### **6. HIGHWAY**

##### **A. Road Commissioner Report**

Robert motioned to adopt Town Roads & Bridges Standards and for Cash and Katie to fill out the appropriate information regarding it, Bob seconded, and all approved.

Cash entertained a motion to approve the purchase of two new Town trucks. He would like to replace the 2014 International single axel, and the Ford F-550. There was much discussion

about the prices of the vehicles. Additionally, there was discussion about whether there was authority to purchase the vehicles without the FY21 budget being approved. Cash clarified that he could make a call and Viking would put him on the list to have the truck get outfitted without any money down. Robert motioned to approve Cash to put us on the schedule with Viking for two dump body and plow systems for \$118,750 total for FY21, leaving us open to cancel this order if the voters do not approve the budget, Bob seconded, and all approved.

### **B. Drug & Alcohol CMV Policy discussion**

Federal law requires the Town to adopt the Drug & Alcohol CMV policy. The Board decided to edit and tweak the policy more in depth before adopting it. Selectman Congdon motioned to table the discussion until the end of the month, Rick seconded, and all approved.

Cash said for the record, the Select Board doesn't have issues currently with the Town but this is a federal law we have to be compliant with.

### **7. APPROVAL OF SELECT BOARD WARRANTS**

All new warrants and warrants previously signed by the designated Select Board Member were approved and signed by all Select Board Members.

### **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

N/A

### **9. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. Town Hall windows bid**

The Board asked Board Secretary, Katie to inquire for more information on Hometown Construction's bid for 6 windows. Their bid was \$3800, while Cold River Enterprises was \$7600. Rick motioned to award the bid to Hometown Construction, Bob seconded for discussion and approval, the motion passed, and all approved.

### **10. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Ball Field Mowing**

Katie explained that the Recreation Committee asked her to come up with the bid sheet for the Clarendon Rec Field mowing. She did so and sent it to Tim Mumford via email. The Rec Committee also asked that the administrative assistant to the Select Board find bidders for mowing. The Board discussed that the Committee should be a fully functioning committee that can handle finding their own contractors, similar to how the Community Center functions. They decided all responsibility concerning the mowing of the ballfields should go directly through the Rec Committee. All Rec Fields mowing will continue to be invoiced to the Town Treasurer. Selectman Congdon advised Katie to give the Rec Committee any information for contractors that would be helpful but other than that the Rec Committee should be able to stand alone.

#### **B. Warning for Town Meeting 2020 approval**

Robert motioned to approve the 2020 Town meeting warning, Cash seconded, all approved.

### **C. REDC Membership withdrawal letter approval**

Selectman Congdon read the withdrawal letter aloud to the Board and the public. Hearing no objections, Rick motioned to approve and send the letter, Bob seconded, and all approved.

### **11. TOWN OFFICER'S REPORT**

Katie reported her and Cash are working on filling out Structure and Paving Grants application. Heidi reported her and Gloria are pushing their internal auditors to get the annual reports out.

### **12. SELECT BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS**

Bob mentioned that the Town will receive \$8,663 from the Rutland County Solid Waste District. Additionally, he explained that recyclables' price is going down so they are discussing raising rubbish prices to make up for this.

Cash warned the Town to drive carefully on the roads because of the risk of black ice.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Robert motioned to adjourn at 8:39pm, Bob seconded, and all approved.