

TOWN OF CLARENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
REGULAR
October 12, 2020
Minutes

Attendees:

Select Board

Mike Klopchin, Chair

Bob Bixby, Clerk

Cash Ruane

Robert Congdon

Rick Wilbur

Katie Rock, Secretary

Karen Ruane

Cindy Davis

Craig Allen, Western Star

William Chmielewski, PEG-TV

1. Call to Order

Chairman Klopchin called the meeting to order at 6PM.

2. Agenda additions/deletions

N/A

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Selectman Bixby motioned to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from September 28, 2020 subject to any corrections and Selectman Congdon seconded the motion. The Board, not seeing any errors, approved the minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Highway

Road Commissioner Report-The Road Crew has finished leveling out all shoulders on the roads that were paved. Additionally, the Quarterline Road hill project is 100% completed. Now Katie, Heidi, and Cash will be working on the paperwork for the grant reimbursement. Because of the MRGP, and the scoring of Quarterline Road, the slope and crown had to be corrected and completed by 2025. Road Commissioner, Cash Ruane, was happy to report that the Town is ahead of schedule for that.

Chairman Klopchin asked about center lines getting painted. Because Middle Road and Walker Mountain are "State Aid" roads they will be painted by the State contractors, at their convenience. The Town will have to coordinate the painting of the lines on Alfrecha Road and Moulton Ave.

Cash has been gathering salt bids to prepare for the upcoming winter season. He told the Board that he would like to continue with Apalachee Salt this year because of their excellent service, and the price per ton that they're offering is \$70. The Board said the ultimate decision is up to Cash, but they were in agreement with his recommendation.

5. 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.

6. Guests

Craig Allen, Western Star- Craig Allen reported that the Town did buy the best warranty at the time of purchase for the Western Star. The "TC" warranty that was purchased says in very small print, that transmission warranty is not covered. In order for the transmission to be covered the Town would have had to buy to the Allison warranty directly from Allison. Mr. Allen apologized for not recommending that, but usually there's been no issue with the transmission so he didn't think to. The TC warranty does cover the computer part of the transmission if it burns out. From what Western Star has seen is they don't need to cover the transmission because its been bullet proof. Selectman Congdon thanked Craig for clarifying that they did buy the best warranty that was offered.

Mr. Allen said that he would like to improve his relationship with the Town of Clarendon. He encouraged Cash to take advantage of the loaner trucks they offer as well as roadside service trucks. Craig also recommended that the Town have the Western Star serviced once a year. Mr. Allen asked that Cash talks to him or Nate (the service manager), for any issues as the Town figures out their business relationship with Patriot. The Board thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Matt Jakubowski, Hazard Mitigation Plan- Matt reported that the Hazard Mitigation Plan expires in January 2020. The Board asked Katie to reach out to Stephanie from RRPC and see if they can use the current LHMP because there have been no major changes and discuss further details. Selectman Congdon warned the Board that when the new drafted plan comes back, they will have to be aware and go through it with a fine-tooth comb. The Board discussed their past planning issues with it and reiterated guarding their local control.

7. Public Comments

Selectman Congdon asked Cindy if the cemetery had been cleaned up. Cash met with the current contractor to see if they could trim the saplings and it sounded like he was going to do it immediately. Selectman Congdon wanted to allow Johnson's to cut back more brush as well as do the saplings. Selectman Ruane was going to check at the cemetery the following morning to see if the initial work was done and then follow up.

8. Old Business

N/A

9. New Business

N/A

10. Town Officer's Report

Katie passed on a letter from Allard Excavating that praised the Road Crew for the job well done and great teamwork displayed on the Quarterline Road project. She also reported that her and Cash are waiting on an estimate from Green Screen Graphics for road signs. Katie gave an update about the sewage system issue on East Clarendon Road. Patrick Lowkes, a state Environmental Enforcement Officer, said that the system in question had not surfaced and is operating effectively.

11. Select Board Member Concern

The new Mack truck has arrived at Sheldon Mack and is headed to Viking for outfitting. The Town was told it would be ready by Christmas time, but now its going to be February. Viking is backed up because they haven't been able to receive their parts from Canada.

Selectman Bixby reported that last Wednesday night they had their RCSWD meeting. The Board finalized their 5-year implementation plan and the State is pushing food waste. The RCSWD is still dealing with a wetlands issue and it's going to cost about \$70,000.

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Selectman Bixby is also concerned about the speeding going on in the village. The Board discussed getting a blinking speed limit sign permanently put in and to see if there were any grants available for them. Selectman Bixby brought up the ongoing motorcycle issues- they continue to speed all over Town. Selectman Wilbur said he would get in contact with the Sheriff's Department to see about patrol as well as the blinking signs.

Chairman Klopchin received a call from Keith Whitcomb from the Herald and asked if there was anything new going on in Town. Keith asked about the recent State legislature decisions concerning marijuana sales and if it affected Clarendon's position on the matter. Chairman Klopchin said that he couldn't speak for his other Board members but for him his mind had not changed.

Selectman Congdon said that the Treasurer did pass along a brief report: taxes are due this Saturday, October 17, 2020, and that tax collection is slightly ahead this year compared to last. Treasurer, Heidi, reported that there's about 1.8 million left to collect.

Selectman Wilbur has been impressed with the Road Crew and echoes the letter from the Allards. He agreed with Selectman Bixby and said that the speeding is out of control and he will give the Sheriff's department another call about it.

12. Adjournment

Selectman Congdon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7pm, Selectman Bixby seconded and all the Board members approved.

SIGNED: Mike S. Klopchin Mike Klopchin, Chair

SIGNED: Robert Bixby Bob Bixby, Clerk