

TOWN OF CLARENDON

Regular Select Board Meeting May 11, 2020 Minutes

Attendees:

Select Board

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

Katie Rock, Board Secretary

Meeting available to public via Zoom due to COVID-19 circumstances

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Klopchin called the meeting to order at 6:08PM.

2. AGENDA ADDITION/DELETIONS

Selectman Wilbur motioned to add the Simonds' dog complaint to Old Business, Selectman Bixby seconded, and all approved. Selectman Ruane motioned to delete the executive session regarding Road Crew personnel, Selectman Ruane seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Klopchin asked to reschedule the executive session for the May 27th meeting and require that at least 4 Board Members be present, and the Treasurer be there as well.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Selectman Bixby motioned to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from April 9, subject to any corrections and Selectman Wilbur seconded. Chairman Klopchin asked if there were any corrections that needed to be made. Hearing none, the Board passed the motion unopposed.

4. HIGHWAY

A. Road Commissioner Report- Cash Ruane reported that the Road Crew has continued to do their daily work, with COVID-19 precautions in mind. He has stressed social distancing and sanitation to his crew. Selectman Ruane expressed their need for masks when working indoors. The Board let him know there were some available up in the Town Hall. Selectman Ruane also noted that VOSHA and the CDC are now requiring temperature checks for all employees before reporting for duty and he will be monitoring that. Chairman Klopchin asked that Board Secretary, Katie, look into buying thermometers for the Road Crew, as well as the Town Hall staff. Selectman Wilbur motioned to allocate funds to buy two thermometers with disposable covers to check temperatures for employees. Selectman Bixby seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

-Truck Bids

Cash received 2 Ford F-550 truck bids, one from J.C. Stewarts and one from Claremont Ford. J.C Stewarts was \$48,136, and Claremont's was \$47,300. There is an \$836 difference. Selectman Congdon was not present at the meeting so he sent an email with his recommendation. He suggested that Selectman Ruane go to Stewart's and ask if they could match Claremont Ford's price. Selectman Ruane did not think that it was good business to go to Stewart's and ask them to go \$800 cheaper, he would prefer to ask them to work on the current price without listing the other dealer's price. Selectman Bixby questioned whether Stewart's was capable of servicing the truck well. Selectman Ruane reminded him that the current F-550 goes there and they do good work. The Board realized that if they picked Stewart's, they would have to order it, and the wait is 2 months until it could be delivered. The only difference between the trucks, is Stewart's has cloth seating and vinyl flooring, which Selectman Ruane prefers, but the Claremont Ford truck does not. Selectman Bixby asked if Cash liked to deal with one company

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better than another. Cash answered that he likes the locality of Stewarts, but Claremont has the truck sitting in the yard and the owner deals with municipalities often. Chairman Klopchin prefers to buy local but believes in doing right by the tax payers. Cash asked the Board which warranty they would like to choose. Selectman Wilbur motioned to accept the Claremont Ford's deal of \$47,300, with taxpayers in mind, as well as the benefit of the truck being available on the lot, with the 84-month warranty. Selectman Bixby seconded and all approved. Cash added that he will talk to Claremont Ford about financial arrangements.

B. Wood Lottery

Chairman Klopchin questioned if everyone on the wood lottery list got their wood, and they did. Selectman Ruane reported that all those people who were on the list, were very appreciative. Cash would like to give any more wood that they have to give, to the same people by starting the list over.

The Board discussed Gorge Road, and how many people use it for a walking path. They debated keeping it closed in the winters from now on. Selectman Ruane talked about how they will need signs for "no parking" on Gorge Road. Selectman Bixby asked if the Road Crew had time to fill in pot holes on Moulton Ave. Cash answered that they are out of cold patch and the factories that make it are shut down right now, due to COVID-19.

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

N/A

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Selectman Wilbur spoke with Sargent Cross-Reed and he has been very busy in Clarendon. There is a new deputy coming in that will be responsible for Clarendon. For any questions or issues related to Clarendon, he asked they be directed to Sargent Cross until further notice.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Simonds' Dog Complaint

Katie played the message from Joanne Chandler, concerning two separate dog attack occurrences in April. Unfortunately, it was the Simonds' dogs again. Selectman Wilbur directed Katie to keep contacting the sheriff. The Board also advised her to call Joanne back to relay that they have turned the complaint over to the Sheriff's office and are taking care of the issue.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sign Loretta's Liquor License- Selectman Bixby motioned to have the Board Members sign Loretta's updated liquor license, Selectman Ruane seconded, and all approved.

B. Sign Burial Permit for Aldous Funeral Home- Selectman Bixby motioned for the Chairman to sign the burial permit and Selectman Wilbur seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Sign "Hold Harmless Agreement" for Underhill's Ball Field- Selectman Bixby motioned to have the Chairman sign the agreement, Selectman Wilbur seconded, and all approved.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION* (deleted from agenda)** Selectman Bixby wanted to comment that he would have liked the Road Crew to come to the Board during budget season to discuss extra benefits.

11. TOWN OFFICER'S REPORT

N/A

12. SELECT BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Selectman Bixby hopes everyone is staying healthy.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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Selectman Bixby motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:58PM, Selectman Ruane seconded, and all approved.

SIGNED: Mike Klopchin Mike Klopchin, Chair
SIGNED: Robert Bixby Bob Bixby, Clerk