

TOWN OF CLARENDON

Clarendon Select Board Regular Meeting- June 8, 2020 Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Select Board

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

Katie Rock, Board Secretary
Matt Jakubowski
Mike Pedone
William Chemilewski, PEG TV

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Klopchin called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Selectman Bixby motioned to add Horton Road as a discussion under Highway, Selectman Wilbur seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Selectman Congdon motioned to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from 5/27 and Executive Session minutes from 5/29, Selectman Ruane seconded, and all the Board members approved. Chairman Klopchin asked the Board if they would like to have an executive session concerning personnel contracts after this meeting; Selectman Congdon recommended they add it to the next meeting's agenda.

4. HIGHWAY

Road Commissioner Report- The Road Crew has been cleaning ditches, trimming trees, and replacing culverts on Quarterline Road. They are now cleaning berms on East Tinmouth Road.
Kingsley Covered Bridge Closure (*out of order, per the agenda*)- Chairman Klopchin read an email from Laura Stone. Three engineers will be inspecting the Kingsley Covered Bridge for the duration of June 11-12, and have requested for a bridge closure. Road Commissioner, Cash Ruane recommended that they close it for safety purposes. Selectman Congdon motioned to authorize the Road Commissioner to close the Kingsley Covered Bridge for the 11th and 12th during the day, Selectman Wilbur seconded for discussion. The Board asked Katie to let the Sheriff's Department know about the closure, as well as the Fire Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Horton Road- Katie sent out letters to landowners, who own property around Horton Road. She asked for feedback from them regarding the Town's desire to throw up the road. Chairman Klopchin received multiple complaints from 3 landowners. They do not want it closed because Velco uses that road to access the power lines, landowners use it to access their camp; and if they ever sell their property, they would like a cross road on it, as it increases the property value. Selectman Congdon also received criticism. Because not all the landowners are in unanimous agreement, the Town will not go any further with closing Horton Road. Selectman Congdon motioned to have Katie send a follow-up letter that this has become a non-issue and the Town will take no further steps to close the road down. Selectman Bixby seconded the motion and all approved.

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

Matt Jakubowski

Emergency Management- Selectman Congdon motioned to approve and have the Board Chairman sign the new and updated Emergency Management plan, Selectman Wilbur seconded, and all approved. Matt clarified that after its signed, it needs to be sent to the RRPC for them to review.

Rec Committee- Matt is the Chairman of the Rec Committee and gave a brief update on their happenings. BK Services won the Rec Fields mowing bid and has started their services. Matt reported having several issues with people using the Route 7B field, not for recreational purposes, so they have gated it off.

Fireworks- the Fire Department has received many complaints about fireworks. Matt wanted to remind the public to call the sheriff or State Police about firework complaints/ noise issues. Matt found out that he should not be the one issuing permits because the Town fire department is not a part of the municipality, it is its own entity. Firework permitting is actually under the Select Board's duty. Matt has found no problems with the residents that request permits and shoot off fireworks. They follow all the guidelines and are cooperative. It's the people that neglect to get permits and choose to shoot off fireworks that he gets complaints about.

Matt announced that the new fire truck is in and the Board can come take a look at it after the meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

8. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

9. NEW BUSINESS

ZBA Appointment -The Board received a letter from Art Menard that he would like to be on the ZBA and Brownson Spencer recommends him. Selectman Congdon motioned to appoint Art to the ZBA, Selectman Wilbur seconded, and all approved.

RRPC Appointment -Selectman Congdon motioned to appoint Brownson Spencer and Gale Licausi as Clarendon's Representative and Alternate (respectively) to the RRPC, Selectman Bixby seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

10. TOWN OFFICER'S REPORT

N/A

11. SELECT BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Selectman Bixby is still having issues with motorcycles in the village. Selectman Wilbur said he did see the Sheriff after them a couple nights ago and they will continue to get the situation under control.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Congdon motioned to adjourn at 6:38 pm, Selectman Bixby seconded and all approved.

SIGNED: Mike J. Klopchin Mike Klopchin, Chair

SIGNED: Robert Bixby Bob Bixby, Clerk