

# **TOWN OF CLARENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING REGULAR**

**Monday, September 14, 2020**

## **Minutes**

### **Attendees:**

#### Select Board

Mike Klopchin, Chair

Bob Bixby, Clerk

Cash Ruane

Robert Congdon

Heidi Congdon, Treasurer

Katie Rock, Board Secretary

Karen Ruane

Cindy Davis

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 August 24, 2020 as is, Selectman Congdon seconded, all approved.

### **4. Highway**

**Road Commissioner Report-** Cash Ruane updated the Board and the public that they have done extensive work on Quarterline Road and the majority of the project should be finished tomorrow (9/15). Mr. Ruane cautioned the residents to be careful as the road is rough. It will be closed until early next week. Chairman Klopchin commended the Road Crew for their work on it. The Quarterline Road project is being funded by two grants for a total of \$35,000. Cash and Katie met with Devon from RRPC, to scope out a grant opportunity on the back side of Teer Road.

Road paving will begin Thursday (9/17) and hopefully finish the following Tuesday.

Cindy Davis commented that there is still a pothole by the railroad tracks on Walker Mountain Road; Cash replied that it will be fixed with the paving project.

The F-550 is headed to Viking for outfitting; the Mack should be delivered by September 30, and outfitted around November 20. Cash is hopeful to have the trucks ready to go by Christmas time.

### **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**

**Cindy Davis** wanted to discuss trimming the saplings in the Chippenhook cemetery. Selectman Congdon motioned to authorize the mowing company (Johnson's) to do some extra work, trimming back the edges of the cemetery and trimming the saplings, not to exceed 25 hours at their agreed upon hourly rate, Selectman Ruane seconded, all Board members approved.

Chairman Klopchin asked Katie to contact Bowker and Sons Memorial about the possible damages they ensued in the cemetery.

**Vermont State Trooper Dion** appeared at the meeting to announce that the Vermont State Police has decided to be more community oriented. Their goal is to be accessible and approachable to the public. Chairman Klopchin emphasized that he would like specific contact information for the Town to be able to reach law enforcement quickly. Trooper Dion recommended that the Town call the barracks phone number and then they can dispatch a trooper. Clarendon is currently assigned 2-day shift members, and 3-night shift members. Chairman Klopchin asked when the barracks would be built here in Clarendon; the trooper responded “not anytime soon.” Selectman Bixby asked if there would be any kind of committee created to discuss ongoing issues, community involvement, etc. The trooper said that yes, in the future, they would like to have quarterly meetings up and going by the end of the year. Selectman Ruane asked if this initiative was started to cure the “call the Sheriff’s Department” phrase. Trooper Dion answered yes, they would like to solve that solution and have an answer to give to the public.

### **7. Public Comments**

N/A

### **8. Old Business**

The Board discussed ordering signs for Town roads.

### **9. New Business**

N/A

### **10. Town Officer’s Report**

Katie let the Board know she had printed a Sheriff’s report for the Town of Clarendon for them. It was from June 1, 2020 forward. Heidi reported that tax bills went out and are due October 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **11. Select Board Member Concerns**

Selectman Congdon asked Katie for an update on their UniFirst contract. Katie let the Board know that she had been in contact with them and they were working on getting the original price back. Selectman Bixby admitted he had forgotten about the recent RCSWD meeting. Chairman Klopchin asked if any composting complaints have come up in their meetings. Selectman Bixby said that the State is definitely pushing for it but there’s a general feeling of the RCSWD Board that it’s not working well.

### **12. Adjournment**

Selectman Bixby motioned to adjourn at 6:37PM, Selectman Ruane seconded the motion, and all approved.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Klopchin, Chair

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ Bob Bixby, Clerk