

**Town of Clarendon
Board of Selectmen Meeting - Regular
July 10, 2023
Minutes**

Attendees:

Mike Klopchin, Chair
George Ambrose, Clerk
Cash Ruane, Road Commissioner
Robert Congdon
Art Menard

Heidi Congdon, Treasurer
Gloria Menard, Town Clerk
Teresa Miele
Patric Fuliet
Thelecia Molaski
Wayne Willhouse
Shelly Lutz
David Choffi
Norma Choffi
Carol Austin
Robert Bixby
James Cerst

Call to Order

Chairman Klopchin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Agenda Additions/Deletions

R. Congdon moved to remove guest Robert Luchini from the agenda. Luchini was unable to attend due to bad weather. A. Menard provided the second, the motion was approved unanimously.

There were no further agenda changes.

Approval of meeting minutes

Quarterline Road Workshop June 22, 2023

G.Ambrose moved to accept. A.Menard provided the second, the motion was approved unanimously. A.Menard and R.Congdon abstained because they were absent.

Regular Meeting June 26, 2023

R.Congdon moved to approve with A.Menard providing the second, and C.Ruane abstained. The motion was approved unanimously.

Highway

R.Congdon moved to execute the Better Roads grant for Teer Road in the amount of 20,000 dollars with a 5,000 dollar town contribution and have the chairman sign it. A.Menard provided the second, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Ruane informed the board about the Grants and Aids grant for the Quarterline Road project from Carrie Williams house to Eddy Baker's drive way to replace the culverts and redo the ditches

C.Ruane informed the board that as a result of the recent flooding, the South Creek Road has been washed out near the first guard rail going south. It will need to be dug out and reinforced with heavy stones. The washout was reported to Rutland Regional Planning to support the possibility of grant money for the repairs.

C.Ruane made the suggestion to have Cassella bring two roll off containers for recyclable materials at the transfer station. He is spending too many man hours having the front end loader driving to the transfer station to pack the recyclables down.

Quarterline Road Discussion

Chairman Klopchin stated that he spent time parked on Quarterline to count cars, one morning for about 20 min he counted 12 cars, the second time was in the early afternoon for a short period and he counted 2 or 3 cars.

A.Menard said that he does not feel that Clarendon Select Board should get involved with Rutland Town Roads. He asked if Quarterline residents requested Rutland Town to install a car counter. R.Congdon stated that he feels the same way.

Chairman Klopchin stated that he believes the car counter would be information that would help our town because it would give the road commissioner useful information.

G.Ambrose stated that he was in favor of using the car counter on the Clarendon side of Quarterline Road and. He believes it would provide information for both Clarendon and Rutland Town.

C.Ruane stated that the better use of a car counter would be on Squire Road to measure the high volume of traffic to justify the large amount of repair work done on that road.

Teresa Miele reported that she had a pleasant and productive conversation with Bill Sweet from Rutland Town. She reported that he did not understand that emergency vehicles would use that road if they needed to reach Clarendon residents that live on the northern end of Quarterline. She also reported that there was some confusion between different state maps on the correct class label for the road. Mr Sweet was unaware that

Clarendon citizens were plowing the road during the winter, as he thought that Rutland Town was doing all the plowing.

G.Ambrose moved that Clarendon contact the regional planning commission to install the car counter on the northern end of Quarterline Road in Clarendon. The motion was seconded by M.Klopchin. A lengthy discussion followed with Clarendon residents reinforcing the points made for using the car counter. G.Ambrose called for the vote. The motion was voted down 3 to 2. Clarendon residents expressed disappointment in the results.

Municipal Impact Questionnaire

The questionnaire was tabled until VTrans could be in attendance to assist in entering the correct information.

Municipal Energy Resilience Program

R.Congdon moved to approve the invoice for the grant. A.Menard provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved July 24, 2023

Hiedi suggested that they were looking for a priority list of buildings and the level of assessment. R.Congdon moved that the priority order should be the Town Garage, the Town Hall, and then the Transfer Station and to keep them all at level 1 assessment. G. Ambrose provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

R.Congdon moved to adjourn, C.Ruane provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

SIGNED:  Mike Klopchin, Chair

SIGNED:  George Ambrose, Clerk