

**CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015, 6:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN'S ROOM, TOWN OFFICE**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Towne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SELECTMEN PRESENT/QUORUM: Chairman Jeffrey Towne, Vice Chairman Geraldine Dixon, Selectmen Ed Blanchard and Ronnie Irving, Selectman Randy Clark excused. Also present Interim Town Manager Pamela Violette and Deputy Town Clerk Donna Runnels.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

Selectman Dixon moved the Board approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015, meeting. Selectman Irving seconded the motion. Vote 4 – 0 to accept the minutes.

Bid Opening – Foreclosed Properties

Bid #1 – There were no bids on this property. Chairman Towne said the property was first taxed to Bettis. ITM Violette said it was then taxed to Bordetsky, and the minimum bid would be \$5,070. Selectman Irving said there are three or four cars on the property, and it's in bad repair. Chairman Towne asked if we should seek a best offer on the property. Selectman Irving said that would be better than sitting on it. Chairman Towne asked if it was agreeable to put a for sale sign on it. Chairman Towne said it sounds like it would probably need to be demolished. Selectman Irving said the three or four vehicles in the dooryard are worth \$300 - \$400 apiece.

Bid #2 – One bid was received from Marie Bowley and Timmy Gower, Jr. in the amount of \$806. Selectman Irving moved that the Selectmen accept the bid in the amount of \$806 for the property on Tax Map 011 Lot 38E from Maria Bowley and Timmy Gower, Jr. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. The vote was 4 – 0 in favor.

Chairman Towne said the Selectmen will execute a deed at the next meeting. Ms. Bowley said the name on the deed should be Timmy, not Timothy.

Bid #3 – One bid was received from property owners Tammy Green and Brad Carlow in the amount of \$1,566. Selectman Irving moved the Selectmen accept the bid for the property on Tax Map 021 Lot 15A in the amount of \$1,566. Selectman Dixon seconded

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the motion. The vote was 4 – 0 in favor. Chairman Towne said the Selectmen will execute a deed at the next meeting.

PLANNING BOARD – Amend Ordinance

Anne Osolinski and Mike Hachey appeared on behalf of the Planning Board. Ms. Osolinski said the land Tradewinds purchased is classified as industrial/commercial, and the Clinton ordinance as written says Tradewinds cannot have a gas station. Mr. Hachey said that Tradewinds cannot put in underground tanks under Clinton's ordinance. Ms. Osolinski said Tradewinds is asking the Planning Board to expedite with a special meeting and a special vote. Chairman Towne said that he didn't see that happening. Chairman Towne said there would only be a two-week difference. Selectman Irving asked if they could start building the store and leave dirt further out. Mr. Hachey said the tanks have to go in first. Selectman Dixon said the town could only make it two or three weeks earlier. Ms. Osolinski said by changing the classification on our ordinance, we may bring in more business. Chairman Towne said the first public hearing would probably be April 20; the second public hearing towards the end of May.

HEALTHY SEBASTICOOK VALLEY

Taylor Owens and Celia Yodice representing Healthy Sebasticook Valley appeared to make presentations on two matters.

Rural Active Living Assessment (RALA) – The packet includes a survey which HSV would like the town to fill out. The town is then eligible to apply for a \$500 grant for a project to promote healthy living for children and/or adults. Celia Yodice said that generally a rec committee or volunteer handles this.

Policy to Promote Smoke-free Environment in Municipal Playgrounds, Beaches, Parks, Facilities, Trails and Open Spaces – Taylor Owens said HSV is asking communities to create tobacco-free zones; there are no funds available, but they can provide metal signs. Ms. Owens said she can bring a policy to a Selectmen's meeting and have it signed. Selectman Irving asked if the towns are responsible for the signs after they have been put up. Ms. Yodice said they become the town's property. Selectman Irving mentioned the play area here behind the town hall, the ball field on Morrison Avenue, the gazebo, and the two ball fields by the school as possible areas for signs. Chairman Towne said Detroit's policy is a little more inclusive; Harmony's is even more inclusive because it covers tobacco and drug use. Selectman Irving asked if it could cover chewing tobacco too. Ms. Yodice said they could make sure it does. ITM Violette asked that a draft copy be sent to her for the March 10 meeting. Ms. Yodice said if the Selectmen would like her to be at the next meeting, she would attend.

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CORRECTED CERTIFICATE OF VARIANCE

Selectman Irving made a motion that the Selectmen accept the change in variance from Richard Goodwin to Dick's Market. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. It was approved 4 – 0.

SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS:

The Selectmen asked for more information on abatement recommendation #20/2014. It was put on the next agenda.

Selectman Irving moved to approve supplemental tax certificate and warrant #5/2014 in the amount of \$138.60. Reason: did not move mobile home. Second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 4 – 0.

2015-2016 Budget

ITM Violette said the budget committee started their review last night. Selectman Dixon mentioned that cemetery sexton Fred Lunt said he could do some of the work if he had equipment; that the small tractor was to be put out to bid. Selectman Irving said if Mr. Lunt could use the tractor, the Town would save money. Selectman Blanchard said the town would maybe get \$500 for it. Selectman Irving said it would cost \$80/hour for a bulldozer.

Roads

Selectman Irving talked to Brik Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton's recommendation is what the state goes with. He said that's what the state inspects for. Selectman Irving would suggest leaving out leveling the shoulders and having a grader pull the shoulders. Selectman Irving said his concern is getting as much as we can hot topped. Selectman Irving said he didn't see a water truck mentioned; maybe it would automatically be under compaction. Chairman Towne said if we reclaim with one and pave with another, they may not coordinate with each other. Selectman Irving talked to Brian Bickford from the Town of Fairfield; Fairfield bids them separate. Chairman Towne said his issue would be the possible lack of coordination resulting in weeks of a dirt road. Selectman Irving said road postings will need to be lifted before they can reclaim and suggested leaving the start date open. Chairman Towne asked about the end date. Selectman Irving said reclaiming should be done by the end of June; paving by the end of October at the latest. Chairman Towne asked about 10/15 or 10/30. Selectman Irving said he would recommend the 17th. Chairman Towne said he has the form used in the past. Chairman Towne suggested one bid breaking it down into two projects. Selectman Irving said we figured there was \$300,000 left, but we may need some gravel for reclaiming at different

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spots. ITM Violette said the town could request bids in the newspaper. Selectman Irving said we should utilize the newspaper and web site, and Brik Hamilton has asked for a copy of the bid. Selectman Dixon said she thought the town sent them to known people. Selectman Irving suggested sending bids to Pike, American Asphalt, and Lane Construction. Chairman Towne said that the specs can be approved next meeting. Selectman Irving said the Selectmen should ask Highway Foreman Clayton Pierce about pulling the shoulders. Chairman Towne said the town could always contract out separately, one for reclaiming and one for paving. Selectman Irving suggested three inches of mix on Battle Ridge; two lifts would have better compaction. Chairman Towne asked if Selectman Irving meant 1-1/2 inches and then another 1-1/2 on top. Selectman Irving said yes. Chairman Towne said we should try to have the bids ready for March 10.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Propane Bid

ITM Violette talked to Darren Matthew; Downeast Energy offered a one-year contract, June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2016, fixed price of \$159.99 for 3,500 gallons, or we can put it out to bid. ITM Violette said her concern if propane is put out to bid is that even if they don't charge to remove the tanks, they will often charge to inspect the tanks. Selectman Irving said that we cannot do business with Downeast because Selectman Clark works for them. ITM Violette said as of April 1, Selectman Clark will be retired. Selectman Irving said Selectman Clark has been delivering, but we have that resolution that's been passed. Selectman Dixon said she didn't see a problem if Selectman Clark is done April 1. Selectman Blanchard asked why make rules if you're going to break them.

Town Meeting Schedule

Chairman Towne said that Monday, April 13, at 6:30 pm should be the first public hearing as that would give the selectmen time to hear public comments before the regular April 14 selectmen's meeting, and the warrant could be finalized on the 14th. Chairman Towne said if there is an issue, the town could have a special meeting on the 21st. The deadline is April 25. Tuesday, May 26, would be the second public hearing. June 9 is town meeting.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Putting Small Tractor Out to Bid

ITM Violette said she has the bid ready, but doesn't know what minimum the Selectmen want on it. Selectman Dixon made a motion that the small tractor be put out to bid. The motion failed for lack of a second. ITM Violette asked if the selectmen wanted this kept for the cemetery to use or for everybody to use. Selectman Irving said it should be for cemetery use. Selectman Dixon asked if the town was liable if he (Fred Lunt) gets hurt. ITM Violette said Mr. Lunt is an employee.

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WARRANT

Selectman Irving said he's not happy about brush cutting coming out of the bond. ITM Violette said the selectmen can hold the check and not sign it until next time, or she can void it. Selectman Irving said he would like to know where the brush cutting was. Chairman Towne suggested voiding the check and taking \$5,000 off the warrant. Chairman Towne said that check #22535 has been voided, and the total was changed by \$5,000.

Selectman Irving moved to approve Treasurer's Warrant #51 in the amount of \$57,444.98. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Approved 4 – 0.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Abatement 20/2014
- Road Specs
- Budget Committee Report
- Quit Claim Deeds

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS NOT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA - The Board's rules of procedure have imposed a 15-minute time limit.

No questions or concerns voiced.

ADJOURN: Selectman Irving moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.; second by Selectman Dixon. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna J. Runnels
Deputy Town Clerk

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