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

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at 6:36 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, Selectman Ronnie Irving, and Selectman Randy Clark. Also present Interim Town Manager Pamela Violette and Deputy Town Clerk Earla Haggerty.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes
Selectman Clark moved the Board approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015, meeting. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote 5 – 0 to accept the minutes.

Quit Claim Deeds – Approve and Execute
Selectman Clark moved the Board approve quit claim deed for Map 21, Lot 10. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote 5 – 0. Quit Claim deed approved and executed.

Appointment – MSAD 49 Director
Selectman Clark moved to appoint Janice Chesley as MSAD 49 School Director effective March 24, 2015 to June 3, 2016. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote 5-0

Supplements and Abatements:
Abatement 20-2014-Selectmen Clark moved to approve the abatement for Stephen Koller in the amount of $2,059.43. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Selectman Blanchard commented that the picture on the card should be updated to reflect the new house rather than the old house.

Planning Board
Mike Hachey recounted that the Planning Board had met recently but a quorum was not met because one member and the Code Enforcement Officer did not show up. He explained that it was critical to the proper operation of the Planning Board that the Selectman fill the vacancy as soon as possible because time was of the essence regarding the need for the Land Use Ordinance revision and public hearings, etc. for the Tradewinds project.

Mr. Hachey further commented that Mike Walton was present and had agreed to serve on the planning board effective immediately should the Selectmen so choose.

Selectman Irving inquired whether or not a business coming after Tradewinds would share the cost of sewer and water installation by way of reimbursement. Mr. Hachey said that Clinton's CEO would have to answer that question.

Selectman Clark moved to appoint Mike Walton to the Planning Board effective immediately. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion and thanked Mike Walton for his willingness to serve. Vote 5-0

2015-2016 Budget

Chairman Towne called for the Selectmen's discussion regarding the 20115-2016 Budget as presented by the Budget Committee.

Selectman Clark stated that he had concerns about the budget singling out one individual to be treated differently regarding salary increases and he asked that the Flex hours for the Code Enforcement Officer be returned to the budget. Selectman Blanchard stated that the Personnel Policy should be followed regarding part time hours and sick time pay to prevent anyone taking advantage of the town. Selectman Clark said that if an accusation was being made it should be properly documented not just thrown out for discussion because of personal reasons.

Selectman Blanchard suggested an article in the warrant for people to vote on. Selectman Clarke said that the Charter would not allow that without a revision. Selectman Dixon commented that she would not approve any changes to the budget that would result in a mil increase.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Road Bid: ITM Violette stated that the Road bid had been advertised in the paper per the Selectman's instructions and mailed to 10 places. Chairman Towne asked what the return date was to which ITM Violette responded April 8th.

Introduction: ITM introduced the new Deputy Town Clerk, Earla Haggerty

Fire Department Grant: ITM Violette asked Fire Chief Gary Petley to update the Selectmen regarding the grant award from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation in the amount of $25,000.

Chief Petley informed the Selectmen that the grant was for the purchase of a Defibrillator and he was setting up demonstrations with a number of vendors to assure the department would be making the best purchase possible. Chief Petley requested the Selectmen accept the $25,000 check so Pam could process the grant funds.

Selectman Clark moved to accept the Steven & Tabitha King Foundation Grant in the amount of $25,000 for the Clinton Fire & Rescue Department for the purpose of purchasing a defibrillator. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion and thanked Chief Petley for looking out for the town's interest. Vote 5-0.

Selectman Irving thanked Chief Petley for his effort regarding the grant. Chairman Towne asked Chief Petley to send a letter of appreciation to the foundation.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS - None

WARRANT

Selectman Clark moved to approve Treasurer's Warrant #57 in the amount of $57,069.71. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 Warrant approved.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- 2015-2016 Budget

Chairman Towne stated that he had a question about the Article 23 and Article 15 on the Town Meeting Warrant. He stated that Article 15 is to approve Debt Service in the amount of $190,320 but he believes that it is also included in Article 23. ITM Violette said she would verify the amounts of those articles for the Special meeting on March 31st.

Mike Walton asked the Selectmen if it was possible for the Land Use Policy revision could be on the March 31st agenda because it is necessary to have two public hearings for the revision and the Town was running out of time. Chairman Towne said the item would be added to the March 31st Agenda.

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: 7:21 p.m. Selectman Clarke moved to adjourn and Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Earla J. Haggerty

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