CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015, 6:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN'S ROOM, TOWN OFFICE

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at 6:35 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

a. Selectman Clark moved the Board approve the minutes of the **March 24, 2015**, meeting. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote 5 – 0 to accept the minutes as presented.

b. Selectman Clark moved the Board approve the minutes of the **March 31, 2015**, meeting. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote 5 – 0 to accept the minutes as presented.

Quit Claim Deeds – Approve and Execute

c. Selectman Clark moved the Board approve the quit claim deed for Map 10, Lot 36A. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote 5 – 0. Quit Claim deed approved and executed.

DownEast Energy Propane Contract

d. ITM Pam Violette advised the Board that the term for the proposed DownEast contract would be June 2015 to May 2016 with a price per gallon of $1.599 as opposed to the current price of $1.72.

After discussion Selectman Dixon moved to approve the town manager to sign the contract. Selectman Clark seconded the motion. Vote 5-0

Road Bids – Review & Award

e. Road Bids – Review and Award – Chairman Towne stated the town had received five bids. He further explained the difference between paving and reclaiming and stated that some bids included shoulder work and others did not. He asked the Board if they wanted to focus on paving or reclaiming or the shoulder and gravel issues orbiting the bid variables. A thorough discussion between Selectmen followed exploring all the options which brought the Board to the conclusion that awarding the projects to a single contractor would be most cost effective.

Selectmen Clark moved to award the Road Paving & Reclaim contract to Pike Industries in the amount of $1,154,155.40. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0

Chairman Towne asked that an official award letter be sent to Pike Industries.

SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS: - None

2015-2016 BUDGET – Approve and sign the Town Meeting Warrant

Chairman Towne stated that there were several changes to be made to the warrant articles. ITM Pam Violette advised the Holiday Pay for the Police Department had been calculated incorrectly which also caused he benefit lines to be incorrect. Selectman Clark said that the Transfer Station budget also changed due to part-time staff, to which ITM Pam Violette agreed.

Selectman Blanchard stated that Article 34 needed to have the phrased "Information Article Only" removed. There ensued a long spirited discussion between the Budget Committee members present and the Selectmen as to the intent of the article's current language.

Finally Chairman Towne stated that he could not support the article as written if the phrase "for informational only" was removed and proposed to change the language to read "To see if the Town is interested in studying whether it is more cost effective to contract out the entire Highway Department beginning with fiscal year 2016/2017." Consensus was reached that the new language provided a measure of satisfaction for the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen and would be acceptable for the town warrant. Selectman Dixon stated that she could not support a town warrant that increased the mil rate and asked if Selectmen were interested in changing other Article amounts.

Chairman Town summarized the Article changes as follows and asked for a motion:

Article 8: To change the sum for the Police Department from $250,065 to $241,673. A decrease of $ 8,392.

Article 12: To change the sum for the Transfer Station from $374,150 to $366,239. A decrease of $ 7,911.

Article 24: To chance the sum of anticipated revenues from $1,353,387 to $1,163,067. A decrease of $190,032.

Selectman Clarke moved to accept the warrant with the revisions to Articles 8, 12 and 24 as stated by Chairman Towne. Selectman Irving seconded the motion. Vote: 4-1 Selectman Dixon voted against the motion and stated that the increases could not be justified.

TOWN REPORT DEDICATION - The Board unanimously agreed that the report should be dedicated to Blynn Galusha.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Brown Library Donation: ITM Violette advised the library had been given a $25.00 donation in memory of Shirley Dickey by Margaret Lemoine which needed acceptance from the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Clark moved to accept the donation to the Brown Library from Margaret Lemoine in the amount of $25.00. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS – Selectman Clark stated that Charles McIntyre's junk yard needed to be dealt with by Carroll Weeks.

WARRANT - Selectman Clark moved to approve Treasurer's Warrant #63 in the amount of $250,801.96 Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote 5-0. Warrant approved.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Pike Industries Contract – for review and approval
- Brad Jackson-FirstPark
- Discussion regarding the Highway Department Study

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: 8:13 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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