

**CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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, Randy Clark, and Ronnie Irving. Also present Interim Town Manager Pamela Violette and Deputy Town Clerk Donna Runnels.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Selectmen's Minutes

Selectman Clark moved the Board approve the minutes of the January 29, 2015, meeting. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Selectman Dixon commented that Butch Whittaker had made comments that weren't included in the minutes. ITM Violette said if a citizen doesn't approach the table, their comments are not included in the minutes. Vote 5 – 0 to accept the minutes.

Quit Claim Deeds

Raymond Bryand III - Selectman Clark moved that the town execute the quit claim deed. Selectman Dixon made the second. Vote 5 – 0 in favor.

Deutsche Bank – Selectman Clark moved that the town execute the quit claim deed. Selectman Dixon made the second. Vote 5 – 0 in favor.

Stephen G. Dostie – Selectman Clark moved that the town execute the quit claim deed. Selectman Dixon made the second. Vote 5 – 0 in favor.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Property Bids

Chairman Towne asked if Greentree paid off Rankin. ITM Violette said a 30-day extension was granted as discussed at the last selectmen's meeting. Chairman Towne asked if that left only Bordetsky, Iverson, and Green. ITM Violette said yes.

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SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS: None

2015-2016 Budget - None

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

ITM Violette reported that Brad Jackson from First Park requested to be on the April 28, 2015, meeting agenda.

ITM Violette asked if the selectmen are interested in putting out bids for propane for next year. Selectman Irving asked what we are paying now. ITM Violette said we are now paying \$1.95. Chairman Towne said last time the issue was over tanks. ITM Violette said a vendor said they normally buy out the tanks. Chairman Towne asked if we would get charged for a new tank. Selectman Clark said that propane is down, and he we could probably lock into a cheaper price.

UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS

Highway Department

Selectman Irving said town equipment is being stored outside. Selectman Clark said the selectmen need to direct Highway to store Town equipment at the now empty recycling building. Selectman Irving said that he heard they were working on the loaders outdoors below zero, and that's a safety issue.

Selectman Dixon asked if there were any plans to put the old tractor out for bid. Selectman Dixon said that all the old equipment should go with it. Selectmen Blanchard said the bushhog should be kept.

Chairman Towne asked how the Board wants to proceed with the budget committee's recommendation on contracting out for the highway department. Selectman Clark said he thought it had been handled all wrong for the last 25 years; it should have been a two-position department. Selectman Dixon said we have to make sure someone's interested in bidding. Selectman Clark suggested taking the part-time position from the transfer station and the part-time highway position, put him with town highway, and see how it goes for a year. Selectman Blanchard said he didn't agree with Clark. Selectman Blanchard thinks the Board should try contracting out for a year, and see what happens. Chairman Towne said the Board needs a list of what Highway does. Selectman Irving said that Canaan and Burnham use a road commissioner system. Chairman Towne said you're talking about an employee.

Selectman Irving said if the road commissioner was elected, and he used his equipment, we would be better off to go with state wages. Chairman Towne said the Board of

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Selectmen appoints the road commissioner. Chairman Towne said we are talking about substituting a contractor for a town employee and selling off town equipment. Chairman Towne asked if we would have a contractor on call. Chairman Towne said we need Clayton to give us a list of his tasks at various times of year; there are specific areas we could build into the budget like brush cutting. Selectman Irving said we have people on the fire department certified with chain saws that could go out and work with him. Selectman Irving said Clayton's been here long enough; he should know what direction he's going.

Road Workshop

Chairman Towne said we have some old road specs that were done when Rhodes was here. Chairman Towne asked how much of Battle Ridge needs to be reclaimed. Selectman Irving said he wants to talk to Brik Hamilton for his suggestion. Chairman Towne said the Johnson Flat Road was the other priority. Selectman Dixon said that Mutton Lane is horrible. Selectman Irving asked at \$100,000/mile, how much is the town going to be able to do. He said that the majority of Battleridge is crowned badly. Selectman Irving said if you go over it with base, you're going to have to go over it with surface. Selectman Irving said that we're obligated to the Battle Ridge. Selectman Blanchard said the town did a mile on the Horseback, and we're going to do another mile on the Horseback. Chairman Towne said that he received complaints about Bellsqueeze.

WARRANT

Selectman Dixon moved to approve Treasurer's Warrant #48 in the amount of \$253,793.48. Selectman Clark seconded the motion.

Discussion about Asplundh's invoices - ITM Violette said Clayton felt this was part of the road reconstruction. Selectman Irving said he had questioned this all along and feels these should come out of the Highway budget, not the bond. Selectman Blanchard asked if they were still cutting. ITM Violette said that Clayton asked them to stop until he found out for sure what was to be done. Chairman Towne asked if the Board wanted him to sign it. Selectman Irving said the bill has to be paid, but he was against it. The board voted 5 – 0 in favor of the motion.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Foreclosure property bids
- 2015/2016 budget
- Roads

Selectman Blanchard asked about an executive session for a mailing the Selectmen had received. Chairman Towne said that the employee is asking to meet with the board to vent his displeasure with the town manager and police chief. Chairman Towne said that is not the proper way to handle a personnel matter. Selectman Blanchard said he has a couple questions for the town manager and police chief and said he has been trying to

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have an executive session with the police chief for two years to ask questions. Chairman Towne said personnel matters' chain of command goes through the town manager. Chairman Towne said he didn't think the Board should wade into the fray.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Cancelled

ADJOURN: Selectman Clark moved to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.; second by Selectman Dixon. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna J. Runnels
Deputy Town Clerk

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