



**CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016, 6:30 P.M.  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**3. SELECTMEN PRESENT/QUORUM:** Chairman Jeffrey Towne, Selectman Edward Blanchard, Selectman Geraldine Dixon and Selectman Stephen Hatch. Also present Deputy Town Clerk Earla Haggerty. Town Manager Pam Violette and Vice Chairman Ronnie Irving were not present for the meeting.

**Informational Public Hearing**

**June 14, 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles and proposed Ordinance**

**6:34 p.m.** Selectman Hatch moved to open the Public Hearing on the June 14, 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0.

There was a brief discussion with a member of the public regarding Article 11 and Article 12 – both to do with the Highway Maintenance Budget. Chairman Towne explained the process the Board of Selectman had employed during the last year at the behest of the voters to do a study to determine if it was more or less cost effective to have a Highway Maintenance Contractor as opposed to the current arrangement of a staffed Highway Maintenance Department. Chairman Towne explained the projected efficiencies of getting the maintenance tasks completed by contract yielded only a \$5,000 savings. However, the Board and the Budget Committee agreed the real savings of approximately \$25,000 per year came from not having to purchase equipment for the department.

Chairman Towne confirmed for the public that if the voters passed Article 11 and Article 12 failed then the town would continue to operate a staffed Highway Maintenance Department; but, if the voters passed Article 12 and Article 11 failed then the town would provide highway maintenance by contractor.

**6:42 p.m.** - There were no additional comments or concerns from the public. Selectman Hatch moved to close the Public Hearing on the June 14, 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0.

**4. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. Approval of Selectmen's Minutes** – Selectman Dixon moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting as presented. Selectman Hatch seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0.
- b. Approval and Sign Annual Audit Services Agreement** – Chairman Towne expressed concern about the agreement's lack of a date certain for termination. It was the consensus of the Board to amend the agreement by adding a termination date of June 30, 2019. The Board authorized the agreement by signatures with no motion on the item.

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- c. **Warrant and Notice of Election for M.S.A.D. #49 for Budget Validation Referendum** – Selectman Hatch moved to sign the election warrant for M.S.A.D #49's Budget Validation Referendum. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0.

**5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. **Review proposed bid request for shim and overlay:** The Board was provided a Request for Shim & Overlay for Spring Street, Winn Avenue and Cindy Blodgett Drive. After a short discussion of those areas the Board rejected the item and refused to act on it. It was deemed to be unnecessary maintenance at this particular time given the areas were all low volume traffic areas and did not appear to have an urgent need for overlay. The Board agreed there were other areas in need of immediate attention. The item was tabled until the June 16<sup>th</sup> agenda for discussion with Town Manager Pam Violette.
- b. **Review Park Use Hours Ordinance:** The Board was provided with a draft ordinance outlining time frames for each town owned park that public would not be allowed access. Selectmen immediately recognized that the town owned property should be more accessible than the ordinance outlined and they were not in approval of the restrictive nature of the document. It was also the consensus of the Board that fines against residents for enjoying open public space seemed unnecessarily harsh.

**6. SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS: NONE**

**7. TOWN MANAGER'S WRITTEN REPORT**

1. Town Manager Violette's written report advised the Board that Officer Karl Roy had graduated from the Police Academy and would be returning to service on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.
2. Town Manager Violette's written report advised that Officer Tyler Maloon will be leaving the employ of the Clinton Police Department for service with the Maine State Police. She advised that Chief Johnson was looking into whether or not the state was exempt from reimbursement to the town for academy training.
3. Town Manager Violette reminded the Board that her first year anniversary date for the position of Town Manager was approaching and asked the Board to set a date for her performance review. The consensus of the Board was to have it completed before the start of the new year so the item was placed on the June 28<sup>th</sup> agenda.

**8. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS - None**

**9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Thursday, June 16, 2016**

1. Fuel Bids
2. Results of June 14, 2016 Town Meeting Election
3. Discussion of Park Ordinance Revision

- 10. TREASURER'S WARRANT:** Selectman Blanchard moved to approve Treasurer's Warrant # 72 in the amount of \$53,464.67. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0.

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**11. 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.

There were no comments from the public.

**12. ADJOURN: 7:17 p.m.** Selectman Hatch moved to adjourn. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Earla J. Haggerty  
Deputy Town Clerk