CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 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, Vice Chairman Ronnie Irving, Selectman Edward Blanchard, Selectman Geraldine Dixon and Selectman Stephen Hatch. Also present Town Manager Pamela Violette and Deputy Town Clerk Earla Haggerty.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

a. **Approval of Selectmen's Minutes** – Selectman Dixon moved to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2016 meeting as presented. Selectman Hatch seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1. Selectman Irving abstained because he was not present at the May 24th meeting.

b. **Open Fuel Bids -** Town Manager Violette provided Selectmen with seven bids which were opened and read into the record as follows:

1. **Augusta Fuel:** Heating Oil - $1.794 per gallon
   Propane - $1.45 per gallon
   Service Contract - $300

2. **Dead River Company:** Heating Oil - $1.897 per gallon
   Propane - $1.279 per gallon
   Service Contract -$299.99

3. **Downeast Energy:** Heating Oil - $1.949 per gallon
   Propane - ~~$1.279~~ per gallon $1.239 amended 6/28/16
   Service Contract - $259.95

4. **Irving Oil:** Heating Oil - $2.043 per gallon
   Propane - $1.535 per gallon
   Service Contract – No Amount Provided

5. **Fabian:** Heating Oil - $ .25 Over Rack Price
   Propane - $ .99 Price until April 2017
   Service Contract – No Amount Provided

6. **Snowmen's:** Heating Oil - $1.799 per gallon
   Propane – 1.699 per gallon
   Service Contract - $249

7. **Spring Brook:** Heating Oil - $1.918 per gallon
   Propane - $1.184 per gallon
   Service Contract - $279.95

There was a brief discussion regarding the differences in the method used by the seven companies that responded to the request for proposal. The observation was made that the town currently uses two separate vendors for heating oil and propane. Selectman Irving moved to award the bid to Augusta Fuel for heating oil, propane and two service contracts for the Town Office Building and the Brown Memorial Library. Selectman Hatch seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.

c. **License Application – Benton Grange to operate Beano at Clinton Lions Fairgrounds September 9th to September 11, 2016:** Selectman Dixon moved to approve the application for the Benton Grange to operate Beano at the Clinton Lions Fairgrounds from September 9th through September 11th, 2016. Selectman Hatch seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.

d. **License Application from Benton Grange to operate Game of Chance at Fairgrounds September 9 to September 11, 2016:** Selectman Dixon moved to approve the application for the Benton Grange to operate a Game of Chance at the Clinton Lions Fairgrounds from September 9th through September 11th, 2016. Selectman Hatch seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Results of June 14th Town Meeting Election:** The Board's discussion centered around the passing of Article 11 which authorized Highway Maintenance by contract effective July 1, 2016. Town Manager Violette advised the Board that she and the Highway Foreman, Clayton Pierce had cancelled electricity to the public works building, cancelled the cell phone service, and that all keys and computers would be kept in the Town Office building.

Chairman Towne asked the Board whether the town owned equipment should be sold or stored. Selectman Irving asked if the Backhoe could be used for cemetery maintenance or used for backup for the Transfer Station. The consensus of the Board was that the highway equipment should sit for one year as the discussed in a previous meeting. Selectman Irving also wanted to know if all the equipment would fit in the Recycling Building. There was no Board discussion of other articles on the Town Meeting Warrant. Amended 6/18/1

2. **Park Ordinance Revision:** Town Manager Violette asked the Board to make recommendations for revision of the Park Ordinance. Dave Woods had inquired as to the times and or fines the Selectmen would support for the ordinance changes. Selectman Irving stated that Sunrise to dark would be appropriate to which Willy Mooney responded that there were signs posted for 6 a.m to 10 p.m. Willy stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee was trying to find a way to cut down of the vandalism which amounted to $1,800 for this fiscal year.

Selectman Irving said that he preferred restitution over fines. Chairman Towne stated the DA's office was reluctant to prosecute violations of local ordinances but the town would have a greater chance of meaningful prosecution with posted hours. Chairman Towne explained that violation of posted hours would be prosecutable with criminal trespassing or criminal mischief and that only a judge could mandate restitution for the town.

Chairman Towne acknowledged the ordinance was a work in progress but encouraged the Parks and Recreation Committee to have the ordinance ready for referendum in November. Chairman Towne asked Town Manager Violette to encourage the Police Department to patrol the town owned parks and asked that the item be made an agenda item in the near future.

6. SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS: None.

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. **Cemetery Lot Issue - Town** Manager Violette advised an individual had requested a refund for two cemetery lots purchased several years ago because the individual had changed their mind about burial arrangements. Chairman Towne stated that it wasn't that simple given there was a deed involved and he observed their option was to sell the plots not for the town to refund them for a legitimate purchase. Town Manager Violette agreed and stated the Sexton would be advised of same.
2. **State Reimbursement** – Selectman Dixon asked Town Manager Violette whether or not the State Police were required to reimburse Clinton for Academy training for Tyler Maloon. Town Manager Violette answered in the affirmative.
3. **McNally Road** – Selectman Irving asked Town Manager Violette if the $37,000 for paving on the three streets, which the Board rejected at the last meeting, could be used on the McNally Road because there were two culverts needing attention, a rock removed from the pavement and high shoulders needed maintenance – all, in his opinion, more critical than the needs of the three streets mentioned in the May 24th request. There was not motion on the item.

8. UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS - None

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – June 28, 2016

1. Highway Maintenance Contract
2. Annual Appointment of Town Officials
3. Town Manager Evaluation

10. TREASURER'S WARRANT: Selectman Blanchard moved to approve Treasurer's Warrant # 76 in the amount of $292,277.44. Selectman Dixon seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Warrant approved. Chairman Towne noted for the record that once again a generous contribution of $175,901.37 had been made to the school district.

Town Manager Violette requested the Board approve the payment to SunTrust for the July 1st payment for the fire truck. Chairman Towne recognized that the payment was actually for the new fiscal year. Selectman Irving motioned to approve the July 1st SunTrust payment for the fire truck. Selectman Hatch seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0.

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: 7:48 p.m. Selectman Irving moved to adjourn. Selectman Hatch seconded the motion. Vote 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Earla J. Haggerty
Deputy Town Clerk