

**CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012
6:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN'S ROOM, TOWN OFFICE**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

SELECTMEN PRESENT / QUORUM: Chairman Jeffrey Towne, Vice Chairman Ronnie Irving, Geraldine Dixon, Ed Blanchard, Randy Clark. Also present Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky and Deputy Town Clerk Melody Fitzpatrick.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2012.

Selectman Dixon moved Board approve the minutes of the August 28, 2012 meeting, second by Selectman Irving. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Presentation by Carroll Weeks, Jr., Assessor to discuss tax commitment and tree growth errors.

Carroll Weeks AACEO explained errors in the soft ware program (Trio) that affected the tax commitment and tree growth accounts.

Selectman Clark moved Board accept 2012 Municipal Tax Rate Calculation Form, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Selectman Clark moved Board accept Assessors' Certification of Assessment, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Selectman Clark moved Board accept Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Selectman Clark moved Board accept Certificate of Commitment, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Selectman Clark moved Board accept Certificate of Assessment to be returned to Municipal Treasurer, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

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SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS:

Selectman Clark moved Board accept Abatement 2012-#1, in the amount of \$7,784.64. Reason-Tree Growth accounts were factored by 1.3 in error, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Selectman Irving moved Board accept Abatements 2012-#2-12, in the amount of \$3,173.53, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 4-1 Approved. Selectman Clark abstained.

Selectman Clark moved Board accept Supplemental #1-2012, in the amount of \$417.69. Reason- bought property prior to April 1st. This was assessed to the previous owner. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Consider authorizing the Chair, Board of Selectman and Town Manager sign the municipal lease purchase agreement with Community Leasing Partners for a new-fire-pumper truck in the amount of \$27,769 for a 10 year lease purchase with an interest rate of 2.58 percent.

Selectman Clark moved Board consider authorizing the Chair, Board of Selectmen and Town Manager sign the municipal lease purchase agreement with Community Leasing Partners for a new fire-pumper truck in the amount of \$247,927 with an annual payment of \$27,769.06 for a 10 year lease purchase with an interest rate of 2.72 percent, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Chief Petley informed the Board of the changes in the purchase agreement; the annual payment amount is \$27,769.06 not \$27,769; the interest rate is 2.72 percent not 2.58 percent. Ed Pollard from Ferrara Apparatus informed Chief Petley that there has been a change in the production schedule from a 90-day delivery to a 45-day delivery. Chief Petley expects delivery of the new fire truck the 2nd or 3rd week in October.

Selectman Clark moved Board to accept Exhibit C, Resolution of Governing Body of the Master Lease Purchase Agreement, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Move to award bid for Additional Lighting at Old Mill Park.

Selectman Clark moved Board award bid for Additional Lighting at Old Mill Park, failed due to lack of a second. Selectman Dixon questioned the bid amount from Goodrich Electric being too low compared to the other bidders for a PVC burial. The Board requested a bid agreement from Goodrich Electric for the next meeting.

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Consider adopting the Parks and Recreation Bylaws

Selectman Clark moved Board adopt the Parks and Recreation Bylaws, second by Selectman Irving. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Consider appointment of Kim Whittaker to the position of Parks and Recreation Board.

Selectman Clark moved Board appoint Kim Whittaker to the position of Parks and Recreation Board, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Consider the appointment of Michael Adkins to the position of Alternate, Parks and Recreation Board.

Selectman Clark moved Board appoint Michael Adkins to the position of Alternate, Parks and Recreation Board, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Consider the Appointment of Sandy Gagnon to the position of Warden.

Selectman Clark moved Board consider the appointment of Sandy Gagnon to the position of Warden, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Goodrich Road Highway Damage

Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky informed the Board a logging contractor Family Affairs has damaged the Goodrich Road while working for Scott Wilson. The Town Manager and Carroll Weeks, AACEO, confronted the homeowner and the contractor but they were very uncooperative. The Police are investigating the matter at the Town Manager's request; criminal charges are pending depending on the District Attorney. Selectman Towne recommended the Town Manager wait to hear from the District Attorney before he takes further action. Selectman Irving inquired about the Logging Company cutting in wet land and asked that AACEO Weeks investigate and notify DEP if necessary.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT:

Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky informed the Board the grading of gravel roads started this week. Mert Richards started work on the McAllister Road last week. Tim Gerow will start on the Bush Road this week.

Town Manager Chrostowsky reported the tree cutting on the Rogers Road and Old Mill Park is done, the picnic tables for Old Mill Park have been ordered, and work will continue on the lighting bids.

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Town Manager Chrostowsky reported the “Fall Clean Up” for Clinton Residents is Saturday, September 22, 2012.

Town Manager Chrostowsky received a letter from MMA and a check for \$1,700.00 as a safe work place reimbursement.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Town Manager Aaron Chrostowsky would like to discuss Personnel Policies at the next meeting.

Selectman Blanchard asked the Town Manager why Scott Richards was working when he was out on disability. Town Manager Chrostowsky explained that Officer Richards was on light duty. Selectman Blanchard indicated that Officer Richards has a back injury from Sappi and is a risk to the town.

Selectman Blanchard asked Town Manager Chrostowsky why the Transfer Station was receiving comp time for holiday pay, when it is not a scheduled work day. Town Manager Chrostowsky said the Personnel Policy reads “hours regularly worked on the day of the week the holiday was observed” and has tried to change granting the comp time but Gerald put up such a stink.

WARRANT: Selectman Clark moved Board to approve Treasurer’s Warrant #17, in the amount of \$189,012.85, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS:

Discuss Summary Permit Ordinance-New England Organics
Personnel Policies
Town Manager Evaluation
Award Lighting Bid-Old Mill Park
Goodrich Road Update

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 total time limit.

Executive Session – 36 MRSA §841(2) ~ Poverty Abatement.

Selectman Clark moved Board to enter Executive Session - 36 MRSA §841(2) ~ Poverty Abatement at 8:34 p.m., second by Selectman Irving. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Selectman Clark moved Board to exit Executive Session – 36 MRSA §841 (2) ~ Poverty Abatement at 8:52 p.m., second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

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Any Motion as a result of Executive Session

Selectman Clark moved Board to deny 2010/2011 property tax abatement request due to income shows excess capacity to pay your 2010 and 2011 property taxes and doesn't demonstrate insolvency, second by Selectman Irving. Vote 5-0 Approved.

ADJOURN: Selectman Dixon moved Board to adjourn at 8:52 p.m., second by Selectman Watson. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melody R. Fitzpatrick
Deputy Town Clerk