

**CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014
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 Geraldine Dixon, Ronnie Irving, Ed Blanchard, Randy Clark. Also present Town Manager Warren Hatch and Deputy Town Clerk Brenda Gilbert.

PUBLIC HEARING ON EXPLODING TARGET ORDINANCE

Selectman Clark moved to open the Public Hearing on the Exploding Target Ordinance at 6:32 p.m., second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Ann Oszolinski, Chairman of the Planning Board, reported the ordinance revisions reflect changes suggested after attorney review of the Exploding Target Ordinance. These changes include an increase to 1,000 yards in the distance of detonation between structures, and a decrease to one half pound in the weight of explosive material allowed to detonate as recorded in the Town of Clinton Exploding Targets Ordinance.

Sgt. Bell, of the Clinton Police Department said the Police Department staff support this ordinance, however, it will be impossible to determine the size of the explosion or the weight of the explosive material used.

Audience member, Frank Young, thanked the Board in behalf of himself and his neighbors for changing the distance of which detonation can occur between structures.

Selectman Clark moved to exit the Public Hearing on the Exploding Target Ordinance at 6:38 p.m., second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT – FOR PROPOSED ORDINANCES IN NOVEMBER

Selectman Clark moved to accept special town meeting warrant for proposed ordinances to be held on November 4th, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

HIGHWAY TRACTOR BIDS – OPENING Spec Sheets sent to 5 area Tractor Businesses. Sheet enclosed.

Selectman Clark moved to open the highway and tractor bids, second by Selectman Irving. Vote 5-0 Approved.

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A bid from Cramer's, Inc. in the amount of \$38,290, and a bid from Hammond Tractor in the amount of \$42,765, for the purchase of a tractor were circulated and discussed.

A discussion was held regarding measuring areas of the town needing plowing this winter before purchasing a tractor as the plow size must be able to fit through sidewalks and bridges. Selectman Blanchard requested soliciting Highway Forman, Clayton Pierce's input of plow measurement needs before purchasing a tractor.

Town Manager Hatch suggested delaying the tractor purchase until it is determined exactly what is needed. Town Manager Hatch will discuss tractor dimensions with Highway Forman Pierce and report to the Board at the Selectman's Meeting on September 23, 2014.

Selectman Clark moved to table bids for a new tractor until the Highway Forman provides exact specifics of tractor and plow dimensions, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES 8/26/14

Approval of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2014

Selectman Clark moved the Board to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2014, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS - One Supplement

Selectman Clark moved to accept Supplemental Tax Certificate # 1 in the amount of \$1,578.20: Reason – Tree Growth Penalty.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Transfer Station Scales and Area Drainage Costs

Gerald Howard, Transfer Station Director, provided an overview of the drainage repair costs for the Transfer Station as recorded on the Clinton Transfer Station document distributed in the Selectman's Board Meeting packet.

Mr. Howard stated the work performed was to his satisfaction and the water is running the way it should. Mr. Howard stated there are no problems now, but if the scales shift they will have to be raised.

Mr. Howard further stated he stayed under the \$14,000 budget, he received a refund on Styrofoam, and would like to scrape down and paint the scales. Mr. Howard stated Benton paid 45% of repairs in the amount of \$12,900.

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Road Committee Workshop – Report Attached

Town Manager Hatch reviewed the Road Committee Workshop report provided in the Selectman's Meeting packet regarding the Road Committee workshop. Town Manager Hatch reported the Highway Dept. has started changing the culverts on Battle Ridge Road.

Selectman Irving is not in favor of leaving the Battle Ridge dirt, and stated the Johnson Flat Road should be graveled and graded and left that way for now. Selectman Irving further stated the loggers need to stop using the Johnson Flat Road.

Town Manager Hatch stated another meeting will be planned after the first plan is complete

MMA Representatives to vote at the MMA Annual Business Meeting

Selectman Dixon requested her name be removed from the list of representatives of MMA. Selectman Clark moved to designate Town Manager Hatch as the official voting delegate for the MMA Annual Business Meeting., second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Parks and Rec

Discussed the lack of members on the Parks and Rec committee. Town Manager Hatch stated he has two applications.

Chairman Towne asked if there was money in the budget to hire someone to do park upkeep at the Old Mill Park. Town Manager Hatch replied yes, there is money in the budget for that. He has contacted two carpenters, but neither has shown up yet.

Chairman Towne stated there are three banisters missing in the gazebo which could be dangerous to children playing in that area, and one granite slab step on the landing to the river shore has been pulled out.

Selectman Clark would like to fix (reclaim sidewalks) area in front of the drug store and House of Pizza on Main St.

Town Manager Hatch said he would like to fix curbing/sidewalks in front of the Laundromat on Main St, and he has to buy another sign of rules for the park.

Chairman Towne requested an estimate of the cost of fixing sidewalks.

Misc.

Town Manager Hatch stated there is an advertisement posted for a Deputy Town Clerk as Brenda Gilbert has resigned, and a new Police Officer, Tyler Maloon, has been hired and will be attending the Police Academy in January.

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The old police cruiser will be put out to bid. A discussion followed regarding the Fire Dept. using the old cruiser. No decision was agree upon during this discussion.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

TREASURER'S WARRANT # 15

Selectman Clark moved to approve Treasurer's Warrant #15 in the amount of \$210,402.04, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

Tractor Bids
Road Update
Norm Hart – Investment – Needs Authorization
Executive Session – Annual Evaluation of Town Manager

COMMENTS / QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR MATTERS "NOT RELATED" TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. 15 MINUTE TOTAL TIME LIMIT.

No comments or questions.

ADJOURN

Selectman Clark moved to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m., second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 5-0 Approved.

Recorded By,

Brenda Gilbert
Deputy Town Clerk