

**CLINTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014, 6:30 P.M.  
SELECTMEN'S ROOM, TOWN OFFICE**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

**SELECTMEN PRESENT/QUORUM:** Chairman Jeffrey Towne, Vice Chairman Geraldine Dixon, Ed Blanchard, and Randy Clark. Selectman Ronnie Irving was absent. Also present Town Manager Warren Hatch, Town Clerk Pam Violette, and Deputy Clerk Donna Runnels.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Approval of Selectmen's Minutes**

Selectman Clark moved the Board approve the minutes of the September 23, 2014, meeting, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 4 – 0.

**Public Hearing – General Assistance Appendices B and C**

Selectman Clark moved to open the public hearing for General Assistance Appendices B and C at 6:24 pm, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 4 – 0. There are slight increases for food and housing only. At 6:25 pm Selectman Clark moved to accept the changes as written, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 4 – 0.

**Highway Tractor Bids**

Three highway tractor bids as follows were opened by Chairman Jeff Towne:

#1 – Hammond Tractor Co.	\$36,990
#2 – Kramer's, Inc.	figures not totaled – did not meet specs
#3 – Central Maine Equipment	\$39,863

Selectman Clark moved to accept Hammond Tractor's bid for \$36,990, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 3 – 1 with Selectman Blanchard voting nay. There was discussion on whether or not to sell the old tractor "as is".

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**2008 Ford Police Car Bids**

Only one bid was received. It was from Chicago Motors of Chicago, IL, in the amount of \$607. Selectman Clark made a motion to reject the bid because it did not meet the minimum bid of \$1,500, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 4 – 0.

**SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS:**

Selectman Clark moved to approve abatement recommendation 14-2014 in the amount of \$454.87. Reason: assessed wrong age on mobile home. Second by selectman Dixon. Vote 4 – 0.

Selectman Clark moved to approve abatement recommendation 7-2014 in the amount of \$1,416. Reason: assessed new home on wrong lot. Second by selectman Dixon. Vote 4 – 0.

Selectman Clark moved to approve abatement recommendation 11-2014 in the amount of \$672.60. Reason: personal property is BETE eligible per Maine Revenue. Second by selectman Dixon. Vote 4– 0.

Selectman Clark moved to approve abatement recommendation 12-2014 in the amount of \$10.62. Reason: no longer has personal property in Clinton. Second by selectman Dixon. Vote 4– 0.

Selectman Clark moved to approve abatement recommendation 13-2014 in the amount of \$106.20. Reason: removed 20% factor due to age of mobile home. Second by selectman Dixon. Vote 4 – 0.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT:**

**New Deputy Clerk**

Town Manager Hatch introduced Donna Runnels who has been hired as the new Deputy Clerk.

**Appointment for Warden**

Selectman Clark moved to approve Judith Irving as Election Warden for the term 11/04/14 to 11/04/14, second by Selectman Dixon. Vote 4 – 0.

**Process of Hiring Contractors for Road Work**

Town Manager Hatch said McAllister Road went out to bid by contract several years ago. It cost more money than expected. It could have been done cheaper using hourly wages. We currently hire hourly. There are two teams working on Battle Ridge Road, and that is working fine.

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**Possibility of Conflict of Interest**

Chairman Towne was going to address this issue tonight with Selectman Irving, but he is not present. Chairman Towne believes Selectman Irving would not be allowed to participate in road items that are not pavement. Chairman Towne questioned why Selectman Irving didn't disclose his employment to the board himself as a possible conflict of interest. Chairman Towne said that they've been through this before with Selectman Irving. Selectman Clark said Selectman Irving gave the board his word it wouldn't happen again. Selectman Clark believes it's a conflict of interest. Chairman Towne said that Selectman Irving was going to have to recuse himself from all issues except road improvement and pavement. Chairman Towne said there needs to be a plan for recusal.

Selectman Dixon said that Selectman Irving is on the road committee; however, Town Manager Hatch said that it's not a committee; it's a selectmen's' workshop. Selectman Dixon questioned how Selectman Irving was able to call the MMA since he's not the chairman of the board or the town manager. Selectman Dixon said he is not to call MMA. Selectman Dixon said people have asked her about the possible conflict of interest, and she doesn't think it's right.

This issue should go on the next agenda.

**Road Work Update/Discussion**

Town Manager Hatch said there are crews working on both ends of Battle Ridge Road. Selectman Clark asked if gravel would be put in potholes. Town Manager Hatch said the crews would be tailgate spreading gravel on Johnson Flat Road; help is needed getting rid of some trees. Selectman Clark asked if we would be getting to some of the culverts on lower Bellsqueeze Road. Selectman Blanchard requested an itemized roadwork bill for the next selectmen's meeting. Town Manager Hatch said the goal is to be ready for pavement bids next spring.

**Accident with Police Vehicle**

Town Manager Hatch reported that Thursday night (10/9) there was a police call on Hinckley Road. Three deer ran in front of the cruiser resulting in a collision. Town Manager Hatch reported that MMA has been notified. We have a \$500 deductible.

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Selectman Clark said that Gerald has been talking to Bolster's about a contract for the transfer station. He is trying to keep prices the same.

Town Manager Hatch said Cemetery Sexton Fred Lunt investigated the hole at the cemetery on Route 100 and said he will have it fixed.

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Selectman Blanchard asked a question about the code enforcement officer and whether he has a contract.

**TREASURER'S WARRANT #22**

Selectman Clark moved to approve Treasurer's Warrant #22 in the amount of \$475,413.25. Selectman Dixon made the second. Vote 4 – 0.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Possibility of conflict of interest
- Road work update
- Itemized expenses – road project
- Town Charter Section 9.03

**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.

**ADJOURN**: Selectman Clark moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Second by Selectman Dixon. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna J. Runnels  
Deputy Clerk

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