



TOWN OF CLINTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Room, Town Office Building
27 Baker Street, Clinton, Maine 04927

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 p.m.** – Chairman Towne called the meeting to order.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Chairman Towne led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America
3. **SELECTMEN PRESENT/QUORUM:** Jeffrey Towne, Chairman, Stephen Hatch, Vice Chairman, Ronnie Irving, Edward Blanchard and Brian Bickford. Chairman Towne declared a quorum with all members present.
4. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **Approval of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2020**

Selectman Irving moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2020 as presented. Selectman Hatch seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Motion Carries.

- b. **Road Paving Program for Spring 2020** – Selectman Irving proposed the Paving Program consist of one mile of the Horseback Road, Hillcrest Drive for four tenths of a mile, 700 feet for Cindy Blodgett Drive, and High Street. Selectmen Irving stated that of the \$163,875 available for paving approximately \$15,000 would be needed to prepare road shoulders so only \$148,875 would be available for actual paving.

There was a brief discussion about the need for the Tardiff Road to be a complete rebuild in anticipation for the heavy truck traffic resulting from the Bio-Digestor planned on the River Road in FY 2021-2022. All agreed it was not wise to plan paving dollars on the Tardiff Road in 2020 but rather to develop a reconstruction plan for 2021.

TM Haggerty stated an RFP for Paving would be on the February 11th agenda for Selectmen's consideration for the road's Selectman Irving suggested.

- c. **Mutual Aid Agreement with City of Waterville** – TM Haggerty advised that Chief Leary was unexpectedly called to work in Fairfield and would not be able to attend as planned. She read Chief Leary's E-Mail comments and asked the Board whether they wanted to table the Mutual Aid Agreement or authorize Chief Leary to sign it.

After determining the agreement was rather standard for a mutual aid agreement Selectman Irving moved to authorize Fire & Rescue Chief Travis Leary to sign the agreement with the City of Waterville. Selectman Hatch seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Motion Carries.

Selectman Irving stated that the Fire Department's current budget showed \$2,000 in the Maintenance account but at the six-month mark no dollars had been spent. TM Haggerty advised that Chief Leary was investigating the cost for replacement of two entry doors and dealing with a leaking ceiling in the truck bay. She assured Selectmen the dollars would be used on one of these projects before June 30th.

- d. **Waste Wood Disposal Bid Award – David Woods, Transfer Station Manager** Dave Woods explained to the Board that Thomas Cushman from Woodlands, a Durham, Maine company had given the town a quote to remove both piles that was significantly lower than the three bids for received for removal of just the waste wood pile.

TM Haggerty continued to be concerned about DEP's 3-month timeline on the conditional license for the Transfer Station and she pointed out that the acceptance of any one of the three bids would necessitate getting money into the new budget year effective July 1st if the voters approved it, which would be 3 months beyond DEP's deadline. There was discussion about going back out to bid or rejecting the bids. The Selectmen tabled the discussion to the next agenda.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. **CMP-LED Street Light Conversion Information** – Selectmen discussed the LED conversion data and information provide by CMP. The Board found no compelling evidence that a CMP LED Conversion plan would save the town money except for the cost of energy. Leasing CMP poles remains an expensive part of the CMP plan.
- b. **Approve Thank You Letter to VFW for Grant Funds** – All members of the Board signed the letter of appreciation to the VFW for the recent grant of \$10,000 but also for the many years of continued support of Clinton's vulnerable population. TM Haggerty advised the VFW grants for the last 5 years amounted to \$44,000 which enabled Clinton to spend \$37,0000 for needs that could not be covered with public money or state programs.
- c. **Property Acquisition Report – Midnight/January 30th** TM Haggerty provided a report with 21 properties that could go to acquisition if not paid in the next two days. However, she expected the final list to be about a dozen properties. She stated the proper reporting and documentation would be on the February 11th agenda.
- d. **Appointment to Budget Committee – Terry Gerow** – TM Haggerty explained that somehow in all of the appointment forms and confusion on July 1st Terry did not get reappointed to the Budget Committee.

Selectman Irving moved to appoint Terry Gerow to the Budget Committee with a term ending June 30, 2020. Selectman Hatch seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Motion Carries.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – No additional items to the written report

- 8. SUPPLEMENTS AND ABATEMENTS – Thomas & Heather Nadeau** (Acct # 992) in the amount of \$1,045.27 (Map 06, Lot 39) on Battle Ridge Road. Building is dilapidated and was assessed in error.

The abatement is controversial because it was initiated by the assessor's agent Becky Adams as a correction to the commitment instead of a request for an abatement from the landowner by application. However, Garnett Robinson, Sr. Assessor's agent recommended the Board approve the abatement.

Selectman Hatch moved to approve the abatement in the amount of \$1,045.27 for the dilapidated building on Thomas & Heather Nadeau's land located on the Battle Ridge Road. (Acct # 992). Selectman Irving seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Motion Carries.

9. NEXT AGENDA ITEMS – Tuesday, February 11, 2020

- RFP for Road Paving Plan 2020
- Tax Acquired Properties
- Street Light LED Conversion Project – Affinity LED
- Waste Wood Disposal Bids

10. TREASURER'S WARRANT: January 28, 2020 - Treasurer's Warrant #14

Selectman Blanchard motioned to approve Treasurer's Warrant # 14 in the amount of \$52,204.51. Selectman Bickford seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Motion Carries.

11. COMMENTS / QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS NOT RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. (Rules of Procedure – 15 Minute limit)

Bob Harding, 365 Canaan Road (Route 23) complained about excessive speeding on Route 23 and the Police Department should be doing something about it. TM Haggerty stated that she would advise Chief Bell to look into it.

Geraldine Dixon asked the Board to share information regarding cases currently being litigated. TM Haggerty said there was no information available to the public because legal issues are covered by Executive privilege through Executive Sessions.

- 12. ADJOURN: 8:07 p.m.** Selectman Hatch motioned to adjourn. Selectman Irving seconded the motion. Vote: 5-0. Motion Carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Earla J. Haggerty

Town Manager, Deputy Town Clerk