

TOWN OF CLARENDON, VERMONT

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING – REGULAR
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019

ATTENDEES:

Select Board:

Mike Klopchin, Chair

Bob Bixby, Clerk

Robert Congdon

Cash Ruane

Rick Wilbur

Heidi Congdon, Treasurer

Kelly Jakubowski, Delinquent Tax Collector

Katie Rock, Board Secretary

Marjorie Southard

Matt Jakubowski

Brownson Spencer

Mike Pedone

William Chmielewski, PEG TV

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Klopchin called the meeting to order at 6:10PM.

2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Selectman Congdon motioned to delete Town Hall windows from Old Business, since the Select Board is waiting to receive bids. Bob seconded and all approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Robert motioned to approve the minutes from the November 13th meeting, Cash seconded, and all approved.

4. HIGHWAY

A. Road Commissioner Report- Cash asked the Select Board and the public if they had any questions for him; none were expressed. Selectman Wilbur commended Cash and his road crew on their excellent work on the roads with the last storm.

B. Paving Grant Reimbursement- Heidi Congdon, Town Treasurer, explained that paperwork needed to be filled out and signed by all 5 Select Board members in order to receive reimbursement of \$143,723.04. Robert motioned that the Select Board fill out the appropriate forms and sign, Rick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF SELECT BOARD WARRANTS

All new warrants and warrants previously signed by the designated Select Board Member were approved and signed by all Select Board Members.

6. GUESTS

Brownson Spencer was present for the Select Board Meeting. He recommended himself to fill the position of Rutland Regional Planning Commission's representative. Robert motioned to appoint Brownson to the RRPC, Cash seconded it, and all approved. Selectman Congdon also motioned for Chairman Klopchin to fill out the certification forms, Rick seconded, and all approved.

Robert inquired if Brownson had looked over the Updated Zoning Fees document. Brownson acknowledged that he had received it, and will get back to the Select Board with his feedback.

Chairman Klopchin asked Brownson about the FEMA flood map update. Robert motioned to move to New Business so we could openly discuss the update; Bob seconded it, and all approved.

*NOTE: This is out of order per the agenda.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. FEMA Flood Maps Update- Selectman Ruane and Board Secretary Katie, attended a meeting with RRPC on Nov. 21. While there, they were informed that it was imminent to find someone suitable to report any new data to FEMA by December 13, 2019 for the new flood maps. The Select Board looked to Brownson Spencer for his input. Brownson informed the Board that he and the Clarendon Planning Commission believe that changing anything on the current flood maps would decrease land value due to limiting what the owner can do with his property, decrease the appraisal value which affects the Town's Grand List, and diminishes opportunity for Town development. After hearing this information, Selectman Congdon motioned that they authorize Brownson to include the Town of Clarendon on their letter to Scott Olson of the U.S. Geological Survey, reporting that the Town wants no part in updating the FEMA flood map and let the current maps stand as is. Rick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Brownson informed the Board that he would do his best to let the RRPC know how strongly he and the Town of Clarendon felt on this issue.

*NOTE: The Select Board resumed following the agenda.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

9. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

10. NEW BUSINESS

B. Recreation Committee Update- During the budget meeting that happened prior to this Select Board meeting, Tim Mumford and John McKenna came in to represent the Rec Committee. They expressed their concerns with the Committee. They explained that meetings have not been held in the past 6 months; perhaps because the new ball field was unusable so they did not have information to discuss. The Recreation Committee was charged with meeting once a month from now on and discuss activities they would like to see held at the new ball field. The Select Board expressed their sincerest thanks to Tim Mumford for his dedication in mowing the Town's ball fields at such a reasonable rate, and his dedication to the Clarendon community.

C. Propane Bids for Town Garage & Transfer Station- The Select Board was presented with two bids for propane. Irving Energy offered a rate of \$1.32 per gallon of propane for 2100 gallons. Suburban Propane was able to offer \$1.51 per gallon for 2100 gallons. Selectman Congdon motioned that Board Secretary Katie, see if Keyser Energy (the Town's current provider) can beat Irving's pricing, and if not, the Board authorizes Chairman Klopchin to fill out paperwork to start a contract with Irving. Bob seconded and all approved.

11. TOWN OFFICER'S REPORT

Heidi Congdon, Treasurer, suggested an extra budget meeting be scheduled. The Select Board decided to meet Monday, December 2 at 5PM. Heidi also suggested the Board authorize finding Cemetery mowing bids for fiscal year 2021. Selectman Wilbur motioned to start finding these bids, Robert seconded, and all approved.

Kelly Jakubowski, Delinquent Tax Collector, reported she has seen payments come in, as well as payment plans. She will be attending a delinquent tax seminar next month.

12. SELECT BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

Bob expressed his desire to see the Clarendon cemetery stones cleaned up this Spring. Cash wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and be safe on the roads. Robert and Rick also wished the Town a Happy Thanksgiving.

13. ADJOURNMENT

After having discussed all these matters, Robert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm, Rick seconded, and all approved.

SIGNED  Mike Klopchin, Chair
SIGNED  Bob Bixby, Clerk