

TOWN OF CLARENDON

**SELECT BOARD MEETING – REGULAR
JANUARY 27, 2020
MINUTES**

ATTENDEES:

Select Board

Mike Klopchin, Chair
Bob Bixby, Clerk
Robert Congdon
Rick Wilbur

Gloria Menard, Town Clerk
Heidi Congdon, Treasurer
Katie Rock, Secretary
Arthur Peterson
Gail Gillam
Michael Gillam
Marjorie Southard
Arthur Menard
Cindy Davis

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mike Klopchin called the meeting to order at 5:59PM.

2. AGENDA ADDITIONS / DELETIONS

Selectman Congdon motioned to add Gail Gillam's suggestion to adopt the Resolution for the Defense of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms to the agenda, under New Business, Selectman Wilbur seconded, and all approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Selectman Congdon motioned to approve the January 13th Regular Meeting minutes with the correction of one spelling error; as well as the Public Hearing minutes from January 17th. Selectman Bixby abstained from approving the Public Hearing minutes because he was not present at the hearing. Selectman Wilbur seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. HIGHWAY

A. Road Commissioner Report- There was no report presented because the Road Commissioner was on bereavement leave.

B. Approve Markowski's Proposal for Gorge Road Repairs- Robert motioned to approve the culvert replacement on Gorge Road in the total of \$14,100. Bob seconded the motion, and all approved. Chairman Klopchin reported that the State and Markowski's have fixed the washouts on Gorge Road. While it is still closed, the Town would like to take advantage of having no traffic present, in order to replace the culvert.

C. Approve Certificate of Highway Mileage – Selectman Congdon motioned to approve and sign the 2019 Certificate of Highway Mileage, Bob seconded, and all approved.

D. Structures Grant Update- Board Secretary, Katie, reported that she spoke with a VTrans agent and Kingsley Covered Bridge is flagged for replacement or major rehab in FY23. Cash and Katie are now applying for a structure grant to put towards a bridge on Creek Road. Chairman Klopchin requested that Cash and Katie clarify with Vtrans that the bridge will be rehabbed, not replaced with a regular bridge. Selectman Bixby questioned whether the Town had any other bridges that need work. Robert replied that he thought Cash was thinking about the one on Creek Road; Katie confirmed.

5. APPROVAL OF SELECT BOARD WARRANTS

Approved February 10, 2020

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

6. GUESTS

N/A

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

8. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution for the Defense of the Right to Keep & Bear Arms- Gail Gillam was at the Select Board meeting to present this resolution. The resolution states articles from the Vermont Constitution as well as the U.S. Constitution that clearly lay out, as citizens of the U.S., the right to keep and bear arms. Mrs. Gillam explained that by adopting it, the *"township hereby declares all federal and state laws and regulations attempting to restrict these rights to be infringements, hence null and void under this resolution."*

Gail further explained that other towns across Vermont have adopted this in an effort to show the State Legislature how they feel on this issue. Selectman Congdon motioned to adopt the resolution, exercising the citizens' right to keep and bear arms, Bob seconded, and all approved.

B. Approve Selectmen's Report for FY19 Annual Report

Selectman Congdon read the report aloud and then motioned to approve it with one spelling correction, Rick seconded, and all approved. Gail Gillam wanted to comment and thank Cash Ruane and give her appreciation for him. She, and others agree, he has been a real asset to the Town.

C. Approve and Sign Initial Boundary Validation Program- The U.S. Census Bureau sent out a map of Clarendon that the Listers looked over and approved. They reported that they were accurate. Selectman Congdon motioned to approve the maps and for the Select Board Chair to sign the appropriate paperwork, Selectman Bixby seconded, and all approved.

9. TOWN OFFICER'S REPORT

Town Clerk, Gloria Menard, received all petitions for the 2020 ballot and reported that all incumbents were running unopposed.

10. SELECT BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS

The Select Board extended their sincerest thoughts and prayers to the Ruane family as they grieve the loss of their patriarch, Robert Ruane. The Board expressed their heartfelt condolences to the family.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Bixby motioned to adjourn at 6:33PM, Robert seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

SIGNED: Mike Klopchin Mike Klopchin, Chair

SIGNED: Robert Bixby Bob Bixby, Clerk