

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
January 4, 2016**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Teddy Hopkins, David Marchegiani, Amber Holland, Rebecca Stone, Larry Hopkins, Forrest Hicks, Sue Bailey and Mary King.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.
Ted will be acting Selectboard Clerk in Deb's absence

Agenda Additions/Deletions

The Selectboard clarified some typos in the section of the agenda for minutes.

Approval of Agenda

David moved to approve the agenda as written. Helyn seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Ted moved to approve the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of 12-22-16 as written; Helyn seconded. So voted.

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 12-21-16 as corrected; David seconded. So voted. .

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of 12-29-16 as written; Ted seconded. So voted. David abstained due to arriving late at the meeting.

Fiscal Matters

A) Review of Budget Status Report

Checking balance	\$385,017.73
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$522,951.72
Water Account	\$61,885.25
Sewer Account	\$54,436.26
Taxes Collected to Present	\$1,054,297.20
General Fund Balance	\$(137,933.99)

Amber stated the next FY17 tax payment is due March 10, 2017.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates

The Selectboard directed Becky to contact WRC about their designated person to handle contractual issues with the sidewalk grants.

Ted stated he received word from Dufense Group that test boring costs for the dip in Phelps Lane could come from the SEARCH Grant.

B) Report of Administrative Assistant

Becky stated the Cell and Broadband Committee will be present at next week's meeting. A brief discussion the Selectboard was tabled regarding joining the Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Old Business:

A) Discussion & Action on WSWMD Net Metering Contract

Tabled until word has been received from Attorney Fisher's office.

New Business

A) Discussion & Action on Selectboard Request to Borrow Town Equipment & Rental Agreement

Mary King explained the Schoolboard Director's request to have the Town use their lawn mowing equipment and mow the school property. The Selectboard countered with the extra workload of mowing does not meld well with grouping of highway personnel. The wastewater plant employee is not supposed to work in any other department because a different set of users are paying his wage via enterprise funds. The Selectboard tabled the issue until they can receive word from Norman Wilbur.

B) Discussion on ECU Request

David motioned to reduce Robert Scott's ECU at 231 Tunnel Street from 2 to 1 unit effective with January 2017 usage; second by Helyn. So voted.

C) Discussion & Action on Resignation on Broadband Committee Member

Helyn motioned to accept the resignation of Robert Marechal from the Cell and Broadband Committee; seconded by David. So voted. The Selectboard thanked Robert for his work on the committee.

D) Discussion & Action on Future Meeting with WSWMD Reps

The Selectboard decided to meet sometime in April 2017. Becky will contact Bob Spencer of WSWMD.

E) Discussion & Action on Contacting Future Recycling Vendors

The Selectboard directed Normajean to contact at least the four (4) vendors mentioned to receive pricing and conditions. Some conditions mentioned would be the type of co-mingling, type of containers available, revenues and length of contract. It was noted the Selectboard wishes a one (1) year contract.

Work Session on 2017/2018 Budget if Time Allows

Tabled.

Hearing of Visitors

Fiscal Matters:

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

Helyn moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Ted seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Teddy Hopkins, Acting Selectboard Clerk
January 4, 2017
Approved: January 11, 2017