

**Town of Readsboro  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2017**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Teddy Hopkins, David Marchegiani, Amber Holland, Rebecca Stone, Debbie Calnan, Larry Hopkins, John Whitman and Omar Smith

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Agenda Additions/Deletions**

Add to New Business Discussion & Action on VTrans Bridge #25.

Remove Discussion on VLCT Claim from New Business because the item was mistakenly put on the agenda twice.

**Approval of Agenda**

Ted moved to approve the agenda as amended. Helyn seconded. So voted.

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

Ted moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of 12-28-16 as written. Helyn seconded. So voted.

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 01-04-17 as corrected and amended. David seconded. So voted. .

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of 01-05-17 as corrected and amended. Ted seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters**

**A) Review of Budget Status Report**

Checking balance	\$382,537.32
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$522,951.72
Water Account	\$64,246.57
Sewer Account	\$55,440.53
Taxes Collected to Present	\$1,202,655.68
General Fund Balance	\$(140,414.40)

**B) Discussion & Action on Yearly Certificate of Highway Mileage**

David moved to sign the Yearly Certificate of Highway Mileage. Ted seconded. So voted.

**Selectboard Administrative Report:**

**A) Updates**

Helyn presented an update on zoning applications for the months of November & December 2016.

David gave an update on possible additional vendors for recycling.

**B) Report of Administrative Assistant**

The Waste District meeting has been set up for mid-April to spend some time with the Selectboard. Becky Stone asked about patrolling from the State Police on Tunnel Street. The State Police assured her that will stay on top of that.

### **Old Business:**

#### **A) Discussion & Action on Hiring Policies**

The Selectboard discussed the remaining section of the policy that needed clarification. Helyn moved to accept the Personnel Policy with the added corrections. Ted amended that the personal days will be abolished on December 31, 2017. There was no second to Ted's motion. Helyn moved to accept the Personnel Policy (draft 6) with the added corrections. David seconded. So voted. Ted voted no.

The Selectboard stated that the policy will be revisited again in the fall of 2017.

#### **B) Discussion & Action on Schoolboard Request to Borrow Town Equipment**

Helyn stated that she spoke with Norman Wilber, Superintendent of Public Works, who discussed the request with Mitchell Holland. They will decline to allow the Schoolboard to borrow the Town equipment for mowing school grounds.

Ted moved to deny the Schoolboard's request to borrow the town equipment for the school to use on the school grounds. David seconded. So voted.

### **New Business**

#### **A) Discussion with Cell & Broadband Committee Member**

Omar Smith addressed the Selectboard regarding the committee. He is the only member at this time. After some discussion, it was decided to advertise for more members to make up a committee of three.

#### **B) Action on VLCT Insurance Claim**

Ted moved to uphold the VLCT determination on the claim. Helyn seconded. So voted.

#### **C) Discussion & Action on Driveway Access Permit Application**

Ted presented a Driveway Access Permit for signing.

Helyn moved to have Ted sign the Driveway Access Permit. David seconded. So voted.

#### **D) Discussion & Action on WSWMD Net Metering Contract**

Tabled. No information has been received as of yet from the Town Attorney.

#### **E) Discussion on Town Meeting Timelines**

Debbie reviewed the timeline for the town meeting according to Vermont State Statutes.

#### **F) Discussion & Action on VTrans Bridge 25**

Becky Stone updated the Selectboard on State Bridge #25 and the fact that it has been pushed out to 2021.

#### **Executive Session: 1 V.S.A 313 (3) Evaluations**

Tabled.

### **Hearing of Visitors**

John Whitman addressed the Selectboard about funds that might be available for the Better Roads Program. He also spoke about Act 174, State Energy Plans. Mr. Whitman asked Helyn to expound some on the properties that were dealt with under her update on the zoning applications. Helyn stated that no Certificates of Occupancy have been issued. Larry Hopkins had questions on matching funds for projects.

**Fiscal Matters:**

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

Helyn moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Ted seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Calnan, Selectboard Clerk  
January 11, 2017  
*Approved: January 18, 2017*