

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
January 18, 2017**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Teddy Hopkins, David Marchegiani, Amber Holland, Rebecca Stone, Debbie Calnan, Larry Hopkins,

Call to Order

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Add under Fiscal Matters Discussion & Action on Dog Officer's Request

Approval of Agenda

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

Reading & Approval of Records:

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 01-11-17 as corrected and amended. Ted seconded. So voted.

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of 01-12-17 as corrected and amended; David seconded. So voted. Ted abstained.

Fiscal Matters

A) Review of Budget Status Report

Checking balance	\$366,297.26
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$522,951.72
Water Account	\$62,332.37
Sewer Account	\$54,452.09
Taxes Collected July 1 to Present	\$1,202,655.68
General Fund Balance	\$(156,654.46)

B) Discussion & Action on Dog Officer's Request

Amber reported that Marcia Evans inquired about submitting payroll for the year 2017 as well as the 2015 and all of 2016, six-month transition.

Helyn moved to pay Marcia Evans \$300 for her Dog Officer position for the 6-month transition year. Ted seconded. So voted.

Report of the Superintendent of Public Works

A) Updates on Highway & Equipment

Norman Wilbur is not present to report tonight due to illness.

B) Discussion & Action on Possible VTrans, Better Back Road Grants

The Phelps Lane project will be discussed at a later date.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates

Helyn gave a review of the agenda for tomorrow's budget meeting.

Report of Administrative Assistant

Rebecca Stone reported that the VTrans teleconference is next Thursday at 11:00 a.m. The representative for Dufresne will be there. Dutch Hill is having a management meeting next Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in Woodford at Prospect Mountain Lodge. The League is having a special meeting for their membership on Wednesday, February 15th.

Old Business:

A) Discussion & Action on WSWMD Net Metering Contract

Attorney Fisher's office emailed Rebecca Stone yesterday on some changes that were made to the Metering Contract and the amendments have yet to be recieved. Tabled.

New Business

A) Discussion & Action on State Police Contract

Becky Stone reported that the contract is the same as the last one. The contract covers January 3rd to the end of June.

Ted moved to sign the 6-month State Police Contract. David seconded. So voted. Helyn voted no.

B) Set Date in Signing 2017 Warning & Warrant

Ted moved to sign the Warning & Warrant at next Wednesday's, January 25th, meeting. Helyn seconded. So voted.

Hearing of Visitors

In response to Larry Hopkins' request for a pay rate increase for his position as Lister, Helyn replied that the Selectboard voted that Mr. Hopkins' rate would be \$17.50 until July 2017 when there would be an increase in his pay rate to \$18 per hour.

Helyn acknowledge the letter from Verne L. Thayer from Milford, MA, supporting the wonderful job that was done in the restoration of stones at the South Hill Cemetery.

Fiscal Matters:

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

David moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Helyn seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Calnan, Selectboard Clerk
January 18, 2017
Approved: January 25, 2017