

**Town of Readsboro  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
March 1, 2017**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Teddy Hopkins, David Marchegiani (arrived 7:30 pm), Rebecca Stone, Amber Holland, Larry Hopkins, Forrest Hicks, John Whitman, Sue Bailey, Omar Smith, Rhonda Smith, James Damato, Normajean Marchegiani and Rolf Parker

**Call to Order**

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

**Agenda Additions/Deletions**

It was noted the wrong year was printed on the agenda.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 02-22-17 as collected. Ted seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters**

**A) Review of Budget Status Report**

Checking balance	\$291,005.83
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$422,951.72
Water Account	\$70,600.53
Sewer Account	\$56,250.58
Taxes Collected July 1 to Present	\$1,339,779.64
General Fund Balance	\$(131,945.89)

Amber passed out and explained the weekly budget summary report.

**Selectboard Administrative Report:**

**A) Updates**

None

**B) Discussion and Action on Point Person for SEARCH Grant**

After brief discussion Ted motioned to appoint David and Ted co-appointees for the SEARCH Grant; seconded by David. So voted. Helyn abstained.

**Report of Administrative Assistant**

Becky stated the payments for the resale of Town owned Alpenwald lots have been received. Becky is still awaiting word from windmill hosting towns as to taxation payments. An update from a recent Regional Planning meeting was discussed.

### **Old Business:**

#### **A) Discussion & Action on General Recycling with WSWD Representative**

James Damato addressed the audience and gave some history regarding recycling mandates with extra emphasis on bottles, cans and cardboard. Jim presented a letter dated 10-10-16 from the State of Vermont to Winhall Vermont concerning the requirements in place needed to leave the WSWD. These same requirements will be apply to Readsboro should the town wish to leave the District. Mr. Damato noted the third Saturday in May will be a hazardous waste collection day in Dover Vermont. Should the Town need his services as WSWD representative Mr. Damato would be happy to do so.

#### **B) Discussion on Zoning Process**

Helyn explained situations about some prior zoning administrator's actions. A lengthy Vermont League of Cities and Towns correspondence was paraphrased and read aloud to address citizen's zoning concerns. Ted spoke to the lack of clarity and Readsboro specifics addressed in the communication.

John Whitman heavily suggested the zoning files to be complete in both the current and back logs. If this is not performed individuals will believe zoning matters are not being dealt with properly.

Helyn and Becky both stated this is being handled but is going to take a while due to location of older zoning files being filed in different locations. Ted will send the Selectboard a specific list of Readsboro operational questions to resubmit to VLCT.

### **New Business**

#### **A) Discussion & Action on Setting of Next Selectboard Meeting**

After much discussion it was decided to set the date of the Reorganizational Meeting Thursday March 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm. This does not mean the future regular Selectboard meeting will be the same time and day.

#### **B) Discussion and Action on Selectboard Yearly Report**

The Selectboard reviewed the warning, warrant and yearly report and came up with a plan to discuss any topic.

The Selectboard directed Helyn and Becky to draft and send a letter to a resident for playing loud music.

The Selectboard clarified with the Town Administrator when they are to be copied in emails.

### **Hearing of Visitors**

Omar Smith updated the Selectboard and stated he had a tentative member for the Broadband and Cell Committee. The Selectboard decided to wait until the Reorganizational Meeting to decide. The Southern Vermont Cooperative ( to increase coverage in the West Hill section of Readsboro) may be performing some work in the late spring. Omar attended a meeting about the

Route 100 cell service. It was noted by Omar the Readsboro cell phone tower is used the most. There needs to be continued use in order for the maintaining company, CoverageCo, to remain viable or service may be lost.

Larry asked for a copy of the letter received by the Town from Mary King. The Selectboard directed Ted to make a copy for Larry. Larry spoke to a statute that allows the municipalities to bill back the school for library services rendered.

**Fiscal Matters:**

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

David moved to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Helyn seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Teddy Hopkins, Acting Selectboard Clerk  
March 1, 2017  
*Approved: March 8, 2017*

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