

**Town of Readsboro  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
April 12, 2017**

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, James Franzinelli  
Others present: Jim Damato, Elaine Dove, Larry Hopkins, Bart Howes, Kaci Howes, Marybeth Maguire, Trevor Mance, Normajeon Marchegiani, Susan McMahon, Chris Schofield, Elaine Schofield, Rebecca Stone

**Call to Order:**

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

**Agenda Additions/Deletions:**

None

**Approval of Agenda:**

Helyn made a motion to accept the Agenda as written. Jim seconded. So voted.

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2017 Selectboard meeting as corrected. Jim seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters:**

**A) Review of Budget Status Report**

No report available.

**Selectboard Administrative Report:**

**A) Updates**

None

**Report of Town Administrator:**

**B)** Rebecca Stone reported that easement documents have been issued for two Sidewalk Projects and she is beginning to field questions from property owners. There are several economic and community development meetings being held in the next couple of months and the Town Administrator will plan to attend.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**A) Discussion on Sidewalk Project – Windham Regional Commission, Susan McMahon**

Susan McMahon of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC), the designated Local Project Manager for the Readsboro Sidewalk Project, presented a project summary and outlined the anticipated schedule. Susan indicated that the project is currently in the right of way phase, with the town currently gathering signatures on the easements. School Street resident Bart Howes had several questions about the project as it related to his property. Discussed setting up a meeting with property owners and the engineering firm. With respect to the project timeline, Susan anticipates a

fall/winter advertisement and award, with a spring 2018 construction start date. The agreement with WRC will be amended to extend the project into late 2018. WRC to provide monthly progress reports to the Selectboard. Since the initial public hearings and meetings for the project were held back in 2014, the Selectboard was in favor of issuing letters to all the property owners that may have questions about the project. The Town Administrator will contact The Dufresne Group with the intent of scheduling an on-site visit of the project area so that property owners can get questions answered by the engineering firm, and it will also give Town officials the opportunity to discuss any concerns about the project.

**B) Discussion & Action on compost Hauling Services – TAM, Trevor Mance**

Helyn explained that there are new composting laws going into effect July 1, 2017. Windham Solid Waste District Representative (WSWD) Jim Damato offered comments about the new law. Jim indicated that the WSWD sought composting bids and received one proposal from Triple T. The WSWD needs a response from area towns by tomorrow whether or not they wish to participate in the bid offered through the WSWD. Readsboro Transfer Station Clerk Normajean Marchegiani reached out to area haulers and secured a compost bid from TAM which is based in Shaftsbury, Vermont. The proposal from Triple T includes a one-time \$250, 2-cubic yard container cost, plus a \$25 weekly tipping fee, and a weekly rate ranging from \$90 per pull if all 9 towns in the WSWMD participated, or \$175 per pull if not all 9 participated. Trevor Mance from TAM explained the composting services that they offer. TAM's rate of \$90 includes a tipping fee, as well as sawdust, rinsing of the 65 gallon capacity totes weekly, and training the Transfer Station staff. Helyn made a motion to award the compost bid to TAM at a cost of a \$90 flat rate, up to 4 totes, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Jim seconded. So voted. TAM to forward an Agreement to the Selectboard for signature.

**C) Discussion & Action on Overweight Permit(s)**

None

**Hearing of Visitors**

Larry Hopkins inquired to the progress of reimbursement for library services. Helyn to view past schedules in the next few weeks in order to determine the amount of hours to be billed.

Jim requested an update from the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works to see if he has any plans for a finish coat to be applied near the Lions Park area. David wanted an update from DPW on any paving projects. The Town Administrator will follow up with the DPW Superintendent.

**Fiscal Matters:**

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

David moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Jim seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Stone

*Approved: April 19, 2017*