

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
May 3, 2017**

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani

Others present: Rebecca Stone, Debbie Calnan, Amber Holland, Larry Hopkins, Normajeau Marchegiani, Ray Eilers, Rhonda Smith, Chris Schofield, Jim Damato, Jody Berard, Bob Spencer from Windham Solid Waste, Peter Gaskill from Triple T and Trevor Mance from TAM

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Delete Junk Ordinance Officer from New Business. John Kelly, Junk Officer, is unable to attend.

Approval of Agenda:

Helyn moved to accept the Agenda with one deletion. David seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 201, as corrected and amended. David seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Review of Budget Status Report

Checking balance	\$ 373,788.99
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$213,562.25
Water Account	\$ 74,304.41
Sewer Account	\$ 55,609.08
Taxes Collected July 1 to Present	\$ 1,581,277.26
General Fund Balance	\$ 160,226.74

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates

Helyn read the report of the Superintendent of Public Works. Scraping & dragging of the roads is still in process. Sweeping is being done. The bank in the sand pit needs to be stabilized. Cleaning out of the garages and organizing for work/storage areas is being done.

Report of Town Administrator:

The meeting was held today with Christine Haskins of Dufrense, Consulting Engineers, and everything went well with all three projects.

Old Business:

A) Discussion & Action on Library Funds

Cyndi Candiloro, Community Librarian, taught school children in the library during school hours. The Selectboard is requesting a reimbursement of \$785.40 for services rendered to the school. The Selectboard sent this information to the School Board and Superintendent of Schools to determine what they will offer the Town.

B) Discussion & Action on FY18 Police Services

The VT State Police contract is due. Chad Smith of the Bennington County Sherriff's office addressed the School Board in a previous meeting and today presented what they could provide to the town. The Sherriff's office is considerably less than the State Police contract. The State Police contract is \$13,123 for 16 hours per month. The Bennington County Sherriff's contract is \$12,600 for 25 hours per month.

Helyn moved to go with Bennington Country Sherriff's for option 2 for 25 hours per month at a cost of \$12,600 for 6 months. David seconded. So voted.

C) Discussion & Action on Roll Off Boxes from Windham Solid Waste District

Rebecca Stone informed the Selectboard that the Town will be getting two roll-off boxes. Bob Spencer of the Windham Solid Waste District spoke with the Selectboard about obtaining roll-off boxes. Mr. Spencer will let the Selectboard provide further information to the Selectboard by next Friday.

D) Discussion & Action on Signing of FY18 compost Service Agreement

The Selectboard voted to go with TAM for composting based on information provided two weeks ago for fiscal year 2018. The Selectboard signed the email version of the contract. Trevor Mance from TAM stated that plant and animal based products are accepted; pet waste is not accepted. BPI certified compost is accepted. Bob Spencer stated that they have a grant to work with the towns on this.

New Business:

A) Discussion & Action on FY18 Recycling & Trash Hauling Services

Bob Spencer from the Windham Solid Waste District stated the district will only be handling the education part of the recycling. The materials processing plant and the hauling services for that service are closing. Other services will still be ongoing. The reporting and regulatory requirements are still in place. The Selectboard asked Peter Gaskill of Triple T and Trevor Mance from TAM for clarification of a few things in their proposals. The Select Board will wait for the third member of the board, James Franzinelli, who is not present tonight, to get caught up with the information provided before moving forward.

B) Discussion & Action on Daubney Road Alteration

Amber Holland informed those preset that when the original Daubney Road Alteration Project was done, one of the land owners was not contacted as they incorrectly had Robert Stanchon as the only owner. Since there are two land owners the tax maps are incorrect. She presented the tax map going back to the original project in 2009 with indications of where the second piece of land is located. The Town got permission for the original project from Robert Stanchon, the owner of record for the land at the time of the project. The other land owner, Dorothy Helfrick, was not contacted and now needs to have her property surveyed so that she is properly taxed. The Select Board will have Amber send Ms. Helfrick a letter stating that she needs to have her property surveyed to settle her questions.

C) Discussion & Action on Junk Ordinance Officer Updates

The Junk Officer, John Kelly, was not able to attend tonight.
Tabled.

Hearing of Visitors

Jody Dix stated that Green Up Day is coming on Saturday. She would like to purchase a crab apple tree with the money attained from cans picked up on Green Up Day to plant on Main Street to make it a little prettier and would like to put it by the band stand. The Selectboard suggested that Ms. Berard contact Norman Wilber, Superintendent of Public Works, for suggestions for a safe place to put it where it will not get damaged by snow removal in winter. The Select Board thanked Ms. Dix for her years of work with organizing Green Up Day.

Ray Eilers asked why such a small amount of money was let out for bid on road projects when \$90,000 has been budgeted. There was some discussion on this question.

Helyn stated that the Readsboro Planning Commission has interviewed two applicants for the position of Zoning Administrator. The Planning Commission is recommending Rebecca Stone to be appointed as Zoning Administrator.

Since the third member of the Select Board is not present, this will be put on next week's agenda.

Fiscal Matters:

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

Helyn moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. David seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Calnan, Selectboard Clerk
May 3, 2017
Approved: May 10, 2017