

**Town of Readsboro  
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting  
The Readsboro Town Office  
May 9, 2018**

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Jim Franzinelli  
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Debbie Calnan, Normajean Marchegiani, Craig Barkus, Teddy Hopkins, Larry Hopkins, Normajean Marchegiani, Raymond Eilers, Joe Berard, Michael Cole, Jody Berard-Kemp, David Francomb, Stacy Stranton, Emily Lauderdale, Elaine Dove, Bill Beattie, Mitchell Holland

**Call to Order:**

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

**Agenda Additions/Deletions:**

Add: New Business: Selectboard meetings for May - D&A

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of 05/02/18, as corrected and amended. Jim seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters:**

**A) Review of Budget Status Report**

None

**Selectboard Administrative Report:**

**A) Updates**

Mitchell Holland updated the Selectboard on the water issue at the Dix residence. He stated that the Town's meters are not used as smart meters; they are hardwired in, so this eliminates the possibility of them malfunctioning in that mode.

David would like to publish a thank you for the work of the Green Up Day Committee on the web site and in the Deerfield Valley News. Karen will write a letter. Debbie will post it to the web site.

David gave an update on VTrans Bridge #25 for questions that were presented at the last meeting. VTrans can do the catwalk to meet the specs of the weights presented at last week's meeting. The cost should come in roughly in the same ball park as putting the pipe line on the outside of the girder. If the start of the Bridge Project is still set for 2020, we are part of phase one. Our final plans should be here sometime in late fall.

Everything is going well with the Sidewalk Project and they would like to start work in early June. The Bullock Building has space available for rent with Wi-Fi capability.

David stated that the approved minutes of April 25, 2018, has Sue McMahon's business

association as Dufresne; which is incorrect. It should be Windham Regional Commission.

**Old Business:**

**A) Options for Delinquent Tax Collection – Discussion & Action**

Ted Hopkins, Delinquent Tax Collector, stated that there are three ways to collect. One is called Action at Law. Another option is to go to small claims court. He would like permission from the Selectboard to go to the Small Claims Court for some of these properties. The cost would be \$50 per case. There may be up to three properties that he is considering putting through this process.

Helyn moved to allow the Tax Collector to pursue Small Claims Court action for collection of delinquent taxes on case by case basis. David seconded. So voted.

**New Business:**

**A) @ 7:00 p.m. – Dutch Hill Update on Work Planned for Summer by David Francomb – Discussion & Action**

David Francomb, U.S. Forest Service District Manager, addressed the attendees regarding work on the Dutch Hill project. Stacy Stranton, Timber Management Assistant, passed out maps of the project to the Selectboard. Mr. Francomb spoke about timber sales at Camp Casino and Dutch Hill and work that is being done in the area. The header for this work will come out on Rue Madelaine. There will also be another landing off of RT 100.

Emily Lauderdale, Recreation Program Manager, passed out maps to the Selectboard. They show what was accomplished in the last winter season at Dutch Hill. The volunteers opened up some historic ski areas on the mountain. They are also mowing and doing counts on usage along with a survey which shows there's quite a bit of use on the site. The survey shows that 40% of those using the area visited businesses in Readsboro. They will continue to explore different options for the site in different seasons. They looked at some additional clearing of glades and historic ski runs on the site. The plan is to leave clusters of trees in the area. They are also working on a kiosk that will put up at the parking area for posting the maps. Bill Beattie, DASH Representative, stated that the web site has the survey posted on it. Out of approximately 400 people that were on the mountain, they received 60 responses on the survey. The University of Vermont has approximately 150 photographs of Dutch Hill from the earliest days until the 50's or 60's. There is a link to this on their web site as well. There are no legal snowmobile trails on Dutch Hill. Several questions were presented to the group of Forest Personnel.

David Francomb requested that people give them the courtesy of informing the National Forest personnel when work is going to be done on the trail.

**B) Selectboard Meetings through the end of May – Discussion & Action**

Meetings have been set for May 16<sup>th</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup>,

**Hearing of Visitors:**

Ray Eilers asked why the agenda didn't say that the people coming tonight were from the U.S. Forest Service. Jody Berard-Kemp informed the Selectboard that there was a lot of trash this year. There were a lot of tires. She said that there is an issue with junk and a vehicle on the property of Mr. William Wheeler. A letter will be sent to Mr. Wheeler regarding the problem. There is also a problem with trash around the snowmobile parking area. There is no receptacle for trash there. There are a lot of mattresses on the property of the old Maroni block. Larry

Hopkins inquired as to whether the junk comes under our Junk Officer's jurisdiction. The Selectboard replied that it does, and this will be part of the discussion on what the Selectboard will decide on how to deal with the junk issue.

**Fiscal Matters:**

**A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills**

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Calnan, Selectboard Clerk  
May 9, 2018  
*Approved: May 16, 2018*