

**Town of Readsboro, Vermont  
Selectboard Regular Meeting  
Readsboro Town Office  
June 27, 2018 @ 6:30 pm**

**Visitors:** Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Jim Franzinelli, Karen Boisvert, Carl Marchegiani, Fred Cheney (Vermont Road Works), Al Scaia, Teddy Hopkins, Kim Thayer, Larry Hopkins

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

**Agenda Additions/Deletions Approval of Agenda**

Add under new business: Accept resignation of Selectboard Clerk

Add under Fiscal Matters: D&A on signing of Weaver Payment Request #1

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

Helyn made a motion to approve the minutes of 06/13/2018 as corrected and amended. Jim seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters:**

Review of Budget Status Report

Checking Balance	\$ 304,374.20
Owed to School FY 2017-2018	\$ (50,000.00)
Water Account	\$ 68,766.48
Sewer Account	\$ 69,991.08
General Fund Balance	\$ 354,374.20

**DPW update**

DPW Superintendent Norm Wilber gave update on highways and equipment. There was discussion on the status of the Backhoe and what was being paved this year.

**Selectboard Administrative Report:**

**A) Updates**

Administrative Assistant Karen Boisvert read her updates.

David Marchegiani updated Board members on a follow-up economic development meeting he attended.

**Old Business:**

**A) Signing of contract for fire house siren- Discussion & Action**

Larry Hopkins asked if all questions from the previous meeting had been answered. Board stated they had with the exception of the warranty question. Carl Marchegiani will follow up.

Helyn made a motion to sign the Midstate Communications contract for \$42,599.47, Jim seconded. So voted.

**B) Follow up with Delinquent Tax Collector on potential sale- Discussion & Action**

Ted informed the Board that the cost to file claims in small claims court has increased to \$90. He also asked the Board if they would prefer to advertise in the Bennington Banner of the Deerfield Valley News. The Bennington Banner will be more expensive than the Deerfield Valley News yet reach more people. Board opted to advertise in the Deerfield Valley News. Ted also asked the Board to acknowledge that they understood there would be other costs that the Town would be responsible for associated with any lots that the Town acquires through the process, they will also be responsible for the cost of the demand letters for any property that does not sell. The Board again acknowledged they would be responsible for those costs.

**New Business & Communications:**

**A) Carlos Valente to discuss clothing and book recycling boxes at transfer station- Discussion & Action**

Discussion was tabled as the individual was not present.

**B) Open Paving Bids – Discussion & Action**

Three bids were opened. DPW Superintendent reviewed them and tabled a decision until next week. Karen Boisvert will reach out to the companies for clarification on the bids.

Helyn made motion to table until next week. Jim seconded. So voted.

**C) Update from Assessors Clerk on projected tax rate from current Grand List- Discussion**

Larry provided the Board with the information necessary to calculate the tax rate information.

**D) Meeting schedule for July- Discussion & Action**

July 5<sup>th</sup> @ noon – special  
July 11<sup>th</sup> work session @ 6:30  
July 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting @ 6:30  
July 25<sup>th</sup> work session @ 6:30

**E) Signing of NEMRC Assessor Services Agreement**

Helyn made a motion to sign the contract for NEMRC Assessor Services for FY19 Jim seconded. So voted

**F) Accept Resignation of Selectboard Clerk**

Deb Calnan resigned on 6/14/18. Helyn made a motion to accept her resignation. Jim second. So voted

**G) D&A weaver payment**

Helyn made a motion to sign payment request #1 in the amount of \$23,190. Jim seconded. So voted.

**Executive Session:**

1 V.S.A. 313 (a) (1) (E) – Legal Matters

Present: Selectboard & Amber Holland

Entered executive session at 7:58 out of executive session at 8:01

Helyn made a motion to enter the Class Action suit against the Federal Government for underpayment of PILT taxes. Jim seconded. So voted

1 V.S.A.313 (a) (1) (B) – Personnel

Present: Selectboard & Norm Wilber

Entered at 8:01, Norm entered at 8:05 leaving executive session at 8:10pm

DPW Superintended presented salary recommendations for his staff. Board will take under advisement.

**Hearing of Visitors**

Carl Marchegiani asked if the poles on Tunnel St will be moved prior to the sidewalks being installed. Board stated they will not.

Kim Thayer suggested the Board look into timber sales. Board will take under advisement.

Al Scaia informed the Board that WCAX will be coming to Town on July 9<sup>th</sup> to interview him.

**Fiscal Matters:**

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills

Jim motioned to adjourn. David seconded. So voted

Meeting adjourned at 8:28

Respectfully Submitted

Amber Holland

Interim Selectboard Clerk