

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
August 9, 2017**

Selectboard Present Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Jim Franzinelli
Others present: Rebecca Stone, Debbie Calnan, Linda Donahue

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

None

Approval of Agenda:

Helyn moved to accept the Agenda as written. Jim seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 29, 2017, as amended. David seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Review of Budget Status Report

Checking balance	\$ 123,902.55
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$ -
Water Account	\$63,643.82
Sewer Account	\$59,300.91
Taxes Collected July 1 to Present	\$ -
General Fund Balance	\$ 123,902.55

David stated that two emails were sent to the Selectboard by the Town Treasurer. She has closed out the FY 2017 books and has begun FY 2018.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates

David reminded the Selectboard that policies will be reviewed during Selectboard meetings in September. Jim has reviewed material for the Town's web site and is nearly ready to sit down with Debbie to work on it.

The West Hill Dry Hydrant Grant was approved last week in the amount of \$7,125.

Helyn read the report from the DPW. All equipment is currently operational. The crew has been very busy hauling gravel, scraping roads, mowing, weed whacking, cutting brush, black top patching, etc. The summer help painted the Readsboro signs as requested. Mr. Wilber has been working with the Windham Regional Commission on the grants that have been approved. They will be starting on the project that the WRC selected soon.

B) Report of Town Administrator:

Rebecca reported that Helyn and she will be attending an economic development and zoning presentation as part of the Southern Vermont Economy Project on August 11th in Guilford.

The Town Administrator met with Windham Regional Commission and the Planning Commission Chair to discuss the promotion of natural resources of the area. They are planning educational outreach of the Catamount Trail to the community such as mailings to area businesses, sending via school packets, posters in town, the town web site, through Fact Sheets, signage, and establishing focal points trailside. Discussed placement of markers for other historical sites/areas in Readsboro as a way to promote the area.

The Town Administrator presented the possibility of community revitalization by establishing a Recreation and Trails subcommittee which would tie in with the request from a resident to promote natural landscapes town-wide, and establish park bench area(s). Tasks for this subcommittee may begin with providing a plan to improve the greenspace along School Street adjacent to the riverbank and to establish a FY 19 budget line item for same.

The Town Administrator is continuing outreach to area and state agencies on housing and small business development and will be working closely with the Planning Commission to move forward with tasks identified in the Town Plan.

The Town Administrator suggested focusing on capital improvements by moving forward with consolidating multiple municipal buildings into one by utilizing energy efficiency monies as one source of funding.

Old Business:

A) Discussion & Action on Sidewalk Improvement Project

Rebecca Stone, Town Administrator, reported that nine of the twenty-seven easements are still outstanding; most are on School Street. The Selectboard instructed Becky to give it two more weeks for in-person communication with four out of the nine easements that are not signed. Two have been transferred to mortgage companies.

New Business:

A) Discussion & Action on Gifting of Parcel(s) to the Town

The Selectboard has received two requests for gifting of parcels to the Town. One of the lots is located in Alpenwald and is on the list for tax sale. The other property is on Rue Madeline. The Rue Madeline property will need to go through probate court. As one has outstanding taxes and the other does not have a clear title at this time, the Selectboard will take no action on this matter at this time.

Hearing of Visitors:

None

Fiscal Matters:

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

David moved to adjourn at 7:45p.m Helyn seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Calnan, Selectboard Clerk
August 9, 2017
Approved: August 23, 2017