

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
October 4, 2017**

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Jim Franzinelli
Others present: Rebecca Stone, Debbie Calnan, reporter, Norman Wilber, Raymond Eilers, Ted Hopkins

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Add: DPW Report & Plowing Services – Discussion & Action under Selectboard Administrator report.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Reading & Approval of Records:

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 20, 2017, as amended. Jim seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Review of Budget Status Report

Checking balance	\$ 509,975.44
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$863,638.72
Water Account	\$63,929.42
Sewer Account	\$60,116.40
General Fund Balance	\$ (353,633.28)

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates

David stated that the Sheriffs' Department cannot enforce the speed in the 20 mph area in Town as the sign is turned. Norman Wilber, Superintendent of Public Works, said that it will be replaced. David went to the dump on Saturday and found that it needs to be cleaned. The Selectboard asked Rebecca Stone to send Mr. William Wheeler a letter concerning this matter. Mr. Wheeler will be given a date by which to clean up the mess, and an inspection will be done every two weeks with any excess material being removed at that time.

Jim spoke with the Sherriff's Department today and asked how to change their patrol time to different hours. The officer will speak to his captain about this. The Selectboard will contact Rebecca when they have requests ready to be given to the Sheriff.

Report of Town Administrator:

Rebecca Stone reported on the Mapping Project. She received signed contracts and sent them out to Larry Hopkins and John Whitman. They have two weeks to respond with any comments. There are Economic Development meetings coming up.

A) DPW Report & Plowing Services – Discussion & Action

A letter was received by the Selectboard from Whitingham regarding plowing services. Whitingham stated that they will no longer use the DPW of Readsboro to perform the services. Norman read the DPW report to the Selectboard. They completed the work for the Grant in Aid Project and will submit the necessary paperwork to WRC (Windham Regional Commission) for their inspection and reimbursement. The crew will continue to slope banks, dig culvert ends and swales, haul gravel and scrape roads. The tractor is still at Hudson River for repair and should be finished this week.

Old Business:

A) Drug & Alcohol Policy – Discussion

Rebecca Stone presented some recommendations for changes to the Town’s Drug & Alcohol Policy. The Selectboard decided to leave the policy as it is.

B) Communication Regarding 91 School Street Property – Discussion & Action

Rebecca stated that she has nothing new since last week. Mr. Marcus is planning to move forward with the purchase. The Selectboard cannot discuss this matter at this time as they are waiting on the transfer of the property to the Town.

New Business:

A) Driveway Access Permit – Discussion & Action

A Driveway Access Permit for Mason Henry on King Hill Road was presented to the Selectboard to be signed. It does not need a culvert and has been approved by Norman Wilber. Helyn Strom-Henriksen signed the document.

B) Gifting of Alpenwald Parcel to the Town – Discussion & Action

A lot located in Alpenwald, Section 1, Lot 66 on Alpendorf Avenue has been offered to the Town of Readsboro. It is a one acre lot.

Jim moved to accept the gift provided that the current owners pay the owed taxes on the property and that there are no third-party liens on the property. Jim seconded. So voted.

C) Winter Sand Bid Award – Discussion & Action

One bid was presented from Eilers Brothers Excavating.

The bid proposed:

Screened washed sand delivered: \$17.75 per ton

3/8” Stone delivered: \$17.75 per ton

Grit delivered: \$17.75 per ton

Helyn moved to award the winter sand bid to Eilers Bros. & Excavating for the amount quoted.

Jim seconded. So voted.

D) Winter Maintenance of Heartwellville Town Bid Award – Discussion & Action

Norman Wilber presented a summary to the Selectboard with information comparing the last two invoices presented to Whitingham for plowing services. The estimate for winter maintenance for Heartwellville is dependent on the price per ton of sand the severity of the winter.

Jim moved to take Norman’s recommendation for the plowing in Heartwellville for one year, and to award the bid for the plowing for winter maintenance for Heartwellville roads in the amount of \$10,250.00 to Barkus Excavating. Helyn seconded. David voted no. So voted.

Hearing of Visitors:

Raymond Eilers asked about the establishment of a noise ordinance. The Selectboard responded that a noise ordinance will impact all sorts of activities in town including the noise from the Inn, running of lawn mowers and chainsaws, etc. They addressrd some of the problems they will encounter and the work they have already done in researching the matter.

Fiscal Matters:

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Calnan, Selectboard Clerk
October 4, 2017