

**Town of Readsboro, Vermont
Selectboard Regular Meeting
Readsboro Town Office
November 21, 2018 @ 6:30 pm**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Joseph Berard, Ted Hopkins, Forest Hicks, Ruth O'Hearn, Elizabeth Boyington
David Marchegiani (6:54 pm)

Call to Order

Meeting called to order @ 6:30

Agenda Additions/Deletions Approval of Agenda

Helyn made a motion to add minutes of 11.16.18 under approval of records. Joseph seconded. So voted

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 11-14-18

Helyn made a motion to approve as corrected, Joseph seconded. So voted

Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 11-16-18

Helyn made a motion to approve as written. Joseph seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report

Amber stated nothing significant had changed from last week. She expected tax money to start coming in more next week as its closer to the due date.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates

Helyn stated the sidewalk project is done for this year and line painting will be completed in the Spring of 2019.

Helyn read Karen Boisvert's update who is on vacation this week.

Old Business:

New Business & Communication

A) Living History Association- Petition for Town Meeting- Discussion & Action

Helyn stated that Jim Dassatti asked for a letter of support for the Living History Society to pursue a grant. The Board wrote the letter in support of the Grant, however they would inform Mr. Dassatti that he was in charge of the petition to raise \$3,000 for the project. It was up to him to gather the necessary signatures from registered voters.

B) O'Hearn- request for water line extension- Discussion & Action

Ruth O'Hearn explained that there is a map from approximately 40 years ago showing that the houses on "Brooklyn Street" would be included in the water district when the Town and Village merged. Ted Hopkins noted that in the design phase for Bridge 32 on Branch Hill it was taken into account to put a water pipe across the bridge, however the Selectboard in 2010 decided they could not afford to run the pipe. The Bridge is set up to accept a pipe should finances allow. Helyn noted that the SEARCH grant that the Town participated in in 2015 showed the approximate cost of the Branch Hill extension was \$470,000. Ted stated he did not feel that was an accurate price, it was a worst case scenario. Ted also noted that the residents of "Brooklyn Street" have not spent the few thousand dollars to maintain their line from O'Hearns up to the well in hopes they would have access to Town water. Joseph stated he did not think it was cost effective for 7 houses to run Town water across the bridge. The Board decided they will make some inquires with the Engineering firm Dufresne Group if it can be done at no cost to the Town in reference to reusing the 12" water main

from State Bridge #25 on Bridge 32, and have an agenda item regarding raising water rates to accommodate this project in order to hear from rate payers.

C) Sidewalk Clearing- Discussion & Action

Helyn stated that they had spoken in a previous meeting about keeping the sidewalks clear and the ADA requirements to do so. The Road crew cleared the sidewalks today.

Hearing of Visitors

Ruth O'Hearn raised concerns about the trees lining Route 100. She stated she understands it is in the State Right of Way, however she has contacted them and they haven't done anything. She is requesting the Town send a letter to VTRANS asking them to remove the trees.

David Marchegiani would like the Junk Officer to look at the junk on Canal Drive again

David Marchegiani spoke to the Resident Engineer Bob Stompski regarding the painting of the crosswalks. Bob stated the project is shut down until May 2, 2019. David also called Jon Lemeiux from VTRANS who is also working on the sidewalk project to see how far the money can stretch into the spring to see if School St can be paved before the contractor finishes painting the crosswalks.

Executive Session If Needed:

None

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills

Board signed bills and payroll

B) Budget Work Session

Board received new budgets with Fire Department, Water and Sewer added. They will review.

Adjournment:

Helyn made a motion to adjourn at 8:01. Joseph seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted
Amber Holland
Acting Selectboard Clerk