

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2017**

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Jim Franzinelli
Others present: Rebecca Stone, Debbie Calnan, Normajean Marchegiani, Jim Dassatti and Cyndi Candiloro

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Approval of Agenda:

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

Reading & Approval of Records:

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 29, 2017, as written. Jim seconded. So voted. Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 6, 2017, as corrected. Jim seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Review of Budget Status Report

Checking balance	\$ 453,536.54
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$562,638.72
Water Account	\$66,732.63
Sewer Account	\$67,347.60
General Fund Balance	\$ (109,102.18)

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates

A release to return to work for William Wheeler was received. It was a release for a particular page of duties of the job requirements. Helyn requested from the doctor more specific information regarding the release. At this time, she has not heard from the doctor.

The Zoning Bylaw Hearing will be held next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the school's resource room.

Report of Town Administrator:

Rebecca gave the Selectboard updates on the

- Sidewalk Project – Vtrans is currently reviewing ROW documents. A revised ROW certification needed which was completed this week in collaboration with our engineering firm and our attorney. Susan McMahon with WRC has followed up with VTrans and with The Dufresene Group and we are anticipating construction of the sidewalks to begin mid to late May.
- Better Connections Grant available – funding for transportation and downtown/village economic meeting before December 31st; grant applications due January 31st. A 10% local cash match is required. Projects funded are in the \$35,000-\$67,500 range.

- Windham Regional Commission notice about the Deerfield Valley Community Partnership (DVCP) program “Primer on Planning for Prevention” regarding planning and prevention of substance abuse. The DVCP will be scheduling meetings with towns.
- Economic Development & Recreation/Trails - these tabs on the Town website need updating. Rebecca plans to update them and also include Regional Economic Development (a link to BDCC and SeVEDS) and include fact sheets/links for Catamount Trail and Dutch Hill.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A) Transfer Station Fees – Discussion & Action

Normajeane Marchegiani, Utility Clerk, addressed the Selectboard regarding the Transfer Station Fees. Because of the increase in fees for the composter, she suggested an increase in the cost of the yearly car sticker. The Selectboard decided not to go with an increase at this time. Helyn moved to keep the sticker fee at \$10.00 per year. Jim seconded. So voted.

B) Scavenger Policy – Discussion & Action

The Selectboard reviewed changes to the Scavenger Policy.

Helyn moved to accept the Readsboro Scavenger Policy as updated and amended. David seconded. So voted.

C) Living History Association – Discussion & Action

Jim Dassatti addressed the Selectboard using the open piece of property on School Street where the homes were taken down. They are looking at the possibility of putting a shed there for educational materials. They would like to invite school children to come for a day or an overnight.

Helyn stated that the grant stipulates that there would not be another building on that property.

There are liability issues to consider, parking and neighbors of the property. Mr. Dassatti said that they have done this in the past in other areas. He would like to know if there is a possibility that a shed could be put there for storage. He would like a statement of endorsement from the Selectboard in the near future.

D) Windham Regional Commission Agreement for Local Project Manager Services – Discussion & Action

The Selectboard is in receipt of Contract Amendment #1 from the Windham Regional Commission. The agreement was originally dated from June 4, 2014 to December 1 2017. The Commission is asking to amend it to extend the time to December 31, 2018. The dates are the only thing that changed.

Helyn moved to sign the agreement between The Windham Regional Commission and the Town of Readsboro dated from June 4, 2014 to December 31, 2018. Jim seconded. So voted.

E) Offer on Alpenwald Lot # 227 in Section 2 – Discussion & Action

A letter was received from Todd Gross who wishes to purchase Lot # 227 in Section 2. It is not buildable according to Mr. Gross. He is offering \$250.00 for the lot.

Helyn moved to sell Lot # 227 in Section 2 in Alpenwald to Todd Gross for \$250.00 plus additional fees as required. Jim seconded. So voted.

Hearing of Visitors:

Helyn presented a Driveway Access Permit for a property owned by Robert Norris on Ross Road. Helyn moved to sign the Driveway Access Permit on Ross Road owned by Robert Norris. Jim seconded. So voted. The Selectboard signed the permit.

Work Session on FY19/Budget

Cyndi Candiloro, Librarian, is present to work on the Library budget with the Selectboard. The Selectboard worked on the following budgets: Town Administrator, Planning Commission and the Selectboard.

Fiscal Matters:

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

Helyn moved to adjourn at 7:50.m. David seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Calnan, Selectboard Clerk
December 13, 2017
Approved: January 3, 2018