

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen - Special Budget Meeting
January 5, 2017**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Ted Hopkins and Larry Hopkins

Call to Order

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

Ted Hopkins will be acting Selectboard Clerk.

Agenda Additions/Deletions

None

Approval of Agenda

Helyn moved to approve the agenda as written. David seconded. So voted.

New Business

A) Work Session on first draft of 2017-18 Budget

The Selectboard reviewed on the Zoning expenditure lines. There was minor discussion on Zoning Administrator total pay being reduced to \$2800 (\$1800 stipend and \$1000 backlog) due to some of the backload being completed.

After some discussion on the Town Administrator salary line it was decided to keep as presented for draft 1 pending the total budget outcome.

Utilities stayed about the same.

There were some minor adjustments to the appropriation lines with one major change for draft 1 was to lower the Machinery Fund to \$50,000

The first draft of the warning and warrant were reviewed and some changes were made.

Selectboard tentatively reduced the Cemetery Reserve from \$15,000 to \$10,000; Town Building Fund from \$10,000 to \$5000; Machinery Fund from \$75,000 to \$50,000 and kept the Fire Dept Reserve at \$40,000 for draft 1. The Selectboard added \$60,000 to the Grant Matching Fund to prepare for sidewalk restoration grant matches. The Selectboard decided not to create a reserve fund for the Historical Society but rather dedicate the desired \$2500 within the Town Building Reserve Fund via a separate motion to be made after Town meeting.

The Selectboard wants the Utility Clerk to check into the accounts owners for both meters on the bandstand. Helyn will ask Cyndi Candaloro the amount needed for the Independence Day Celebration. Ted will contact VLCT about the validity of a petitioned article.

Next budget meeting is Thursday January 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Motion to enter executive session as per 1 VSA 313 (A) by Helyn at 8:20 pm, seconded by David so voted. Out of executive session at 8:50 pm.

Helyn motioned to increase Larry Hopkins (Lister's clerk) hourly pay to \$17.50/hr effective the next pay period; seconded by David. So voted 2-0 with Teddy recusing himself from the vote. It was noted the hourly rate will be reviewed again in July.

Hearing of Visitors

None

David moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Ted seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Teddy Hopkins, Acting Selectboard Clerk
January 6, 2017*