

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen - Special Budget Meeting
January 12, 2017**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Ted Hopkins(left at 6:46),Cyndi Candiloro and Larry Hopkins

Call to Order:

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

Ted Hopkins will be acting Selectboard Clerk. : Helyn Strom-Henriksen assumed duties at 6:46

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 second draft of 2017-18 Budget

The Selectboard reviewed previous meetings request to decrease the salary line for the library by \$300. Cyndi Candiloro stated she would review the request to cut the line item with the library board. She also indicated that she would accept the salary line cut, if needed. David and Helyn voted to keep the bottom line of the budget as written without the \$300 decrease for salaries. Ted stated that he would not vote to keep the library salary as written without a decrease in the salary line.

Revenue items were reviewed. Solid waste increased by \$7250 due to an increase in the tipping fees. Reviewed all of the department budgets. There was a need to increase the ballot clerk salaries from \$10 per hour to \$10.50 per hour to meet the new minimum wage guidelines set by the state of Vermont. It was also noted that the summer help salaries for the road department will also have to be increased in 2018.

Reviewed the report of the Selectboard and made necessary changes. Also reviewed the town warning and warrant. It was discussed by David and Helen to have the town warning and warrant presented as written but to also have the Selectboard recommendations for decreases presented as well. This would then allow the voters of the town of Readsboro to choose which option best fits their needs and those of the town.

Also address the possibility of moving article 11 to article 7.

Hearing of Visitors

Larry Hopkins asked the Selectboard why his requested salary increase was identified in detail in the previous weeks budget meeting. Both David and Helen explained to him that his request was made during hearing of visitors and accurate information needed to be presented. Larry also asked questions regarding the budget increase specifically surrounding the \$120,000 needed to be raised for the sidewalk matching grants.

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

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Helyn Strom Henriksen, Acting Selectboard Clerk
January 14, 2017
Approved: January 18, 2017