

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
July 27, 2016**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Ted Hopkins, Amber Holland, Norman Wilber, Larry Hopkins, Raymond Eilers and Forrest Hicks.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. Teddy will be acting Selectboard Clerk due to Becky being on vacation.

Agenda Additions/Deletions

The Selectboard added under Old Business: "Action on truck in highway right of way on Railroad Alley"

Approval of Agenda

Helyn moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ted seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Regular Meeting of 07-20-16 as corrected. David seconded. So voted.

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Special Meeting of 07-19-16 as corrected. Ted seconded. So voted. David recused himself due to not being present.

Fiscal Matters

A) Review of Budget Status Report

Checking balance	\$45,635.10
Owed to school FY 2015-2016	\$0
Water Account	\$58,005.47
Sewer Account	\$56,743.93
6 Month Trans Bill	\$179,885.76
General Fund Balance	\$45,635.10

Amber presented the Budget Status Report for the Selectboard. Amber received a communication from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank stating a credit of nearly \$5600 has been applied to our 2016 payment schedule for our original water bond loan.

B) Update: Visit from VLCT re: Mandatory Sick Time & Contractor Work Agreements

Amber stated she had a visit from representatives of VLCT concerning a new law for employee paid sick time. Depending on the amount of employees the law may go into effect for Jan 1, 2017. There was also some vagueness as to whether elected positions will be covered as well. More Information to follow.

Report of the Superintendent of Public Works

A) Updates on Highways & Equipment

Norm reported that most all equipment is up and running. DPW staff has been hauling gravel, grading and weed-wacking

There was much discussion on recent graveling of Class 4 highways and how it relates to the policy on Class 4 highways.

David received concerns about lilac bushes hanging over the guardrails off Canal Drive. Also the guardrail cables could be tightened. Norm will look into this.

Forrest reiterated the need for any roadside fill to be placed at South Hill cemetery.

B) Discussion & Action on vacation pay request

After much discussion around clarity of policy Helyn motioned to pay Ed Arnold for vacation time he also worked; seconded by Ted. So voted. This will be the only time this will be allowed until policy is changed to reflect this type of specific request. Norman will contact Amber to reflect this in payroll.

Selectboard Administrative Report

A) Updates

Helyn reported she and Becky met with Holden representatives about the School Street Project. Matters going well and project is about 50% finished and target date for completion is mid September.

The Selectboard stated they would like a report for the new delinquent tax collector about progress/goals in collections and a game plan for a future tax sales. Helyn will contact Michelle Farrence about this request.

Old Business

A) Discussion & Action on hiring of full time Inter-Departmental Employee

Helyn motioned to hire Nathan Matys for full time Interdepartmental Employee at \$18/hour starting August 1, 2016, benefits as per policy with 365 day probation period; Ted seconded. So voted. David recused himself from the vote.

B) Discussion & Action on Historical Society Building repairs

David met with Mitchell Holland about repairs. Both will work with Becky to create a RFP or quote for repair work.

C) Action on truck in highway right of way on Railroad Alley (added)

Helyn made a motion to have the towing company tow the truck containing trash and parked with the highway right of way off Railroad Alley; seconded by David. So voted. Ted will contact the towing company.

New Business & Communications

A) Review of Town Benefit Package

The Selectboard quickly reviewed the area towns benefit packages as they relate to Readsboro.

B) Discussion & Action on trash between 6999 Main St & Historical Society

The Selectboard directed David to contact Kent Boyd about his apartment building trash being next to the Historical Society building and ask him to remove it.

C) Discussion & Action on old Fire House generator

The Selectboard directed David to work with Becky to advertise the generator for sale with a timely limited process.

Hearing of Visitors

Raymond asked about why benefit package is being reviewed. Helyn explained this has been ongoing and the Selectboard agreed some time ago to review the information.

Raymond expressed concern for more money in the Town Owned Building Reserve Fund and he would like to see a better breakdown of what the money is earmarked for.

Fiscal Matters

A) Signing of Selectboard Orders/Bills

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

Helyn moved to adjourn at 9 p.m. Ted seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teddy Hopkins

Acting Selectboard Clerk

July 31, 2016

Approved August 3, 2016