

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
August 3, 2016**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Ted Hopkins, David Marchegiani, Amber Holland, Robert Eccher, Steve Mullett, Deb Pavin, Doren Emmett, Walter Meisner, David Francomb, Brian Austin, Jay Strand, Raymond Eilers, Larry Hopkins, Rhonda and Omar Smith, Pete Sawyer, John Whitman, Carl Marchegiani, Robert Marechal, and Forrest Hicks.

Call to Order

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions

None.

Approval of Agenda

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

Reading & Approval of Records

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Regular Meeting 07/27/16 as corrected. David seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters

A) Review of Budget Status Report

Checking balance	\$91,242.42
Owed to school FY 2016/2017	\$ 0
Water Account	\$58,878.34
Sewer Account	\$56,732.36
July 1 st - Present	\$133,964.47
General Fund Balance	\$91,242.42

Amber reviewed the Budget Status Report with the Selectboard. Residents asked questions about the two recently mailed tax bills.

Selectboard Administrative Report

A) Updates

Becky and Helyn will be meeting with Holden Engineering tomorrow. Decision on Bike/Ped Grant should be announced within 10 days. David met with Mitchell Holland about the Historical Society building RFPs. David spoke to Kent Boyd about the trash and the trash has been removed. David spoke to John Kelly about junk issues. David indicated we should be hearing an answer from the Dry Hydrant grant soon. Ted reported that the truck on Railroad Alley that was in the Town's right of way was towed and now the truck is back, but it is now registered. Selectboard to have Becky send a note to the owner that if it is in the Town right of way, it will be towed again.

B) Administrative Assistant Report

Becky did not attend the meeting but provided the following report:

- Water System Review – gathering rate and financial information of current system; working towards development of an asset management plan
- Fire Station Generator - placing an Advertisement for Bids to sell the surplus generator
- Historical Society Building Repair Project - working on draft specifications for building renovations in order to place Advertisement for Bids for the project

Old Business**A) Deerfield Wind Project Updates with Iberdrola Renewables Representatives**

Walter Meisner and Doren Emmett, representatives from Iberdrola Renewables reported that the project is scheduled to begin in September 2016 with a projected end date of December 2017. Mr. Meisner indicated they are awaiting final approval from the Public Service Board on one minor issue. Many questions were raised about tax dollars and the value of the windmill plant. Iberdrola will be in contact with Town officials with the tax information.

B) Discussion with Green Mountain National Forest Service Representatives regarding Gating of Access Road/Trail and Route 9 Integrated Resource Project

David Francomb, District Ranger with Green Mountain National Forest Service (GMNFS), explained the history of National Forest Road 73. Time frames were discussed and when the gates will be locked. Landowners beyond the gate can have keys, as well as emergency personnel. Revised GMNF document will reflect who can have keys. The Selectboard questioned jurisdiction of highway rights in the areas of the proposed gate. Ted believed the Town cannot legally gate off any town highway. Ted to meet with GMNFS representatives on the proposed location of gate. There was some conversation on temporary logging roads and about timber harvest money. Some members of the audience spoke to wanting more trails.

New Business & Communications**A) Discussion & Action on Tardy Overweight Permit**

Helyn made a motion to have Ted send permit for Cardinal Logistics. David seconded. So voted.

Hearing of Visitors

Omar Smith from the Broadband & Cell Committee submitted a draft letter for the Selectboard to approve. David made a motion to sign the broadband support letter. Helyn seconded. So voted.

Raymond Eilers suggested that it may be time to transfer money from Water checking account into Water savings account, and that maybe a need for a line of ongoing credit is needed.

Deb Pavin wanted to know what the Town is going to do about Jason Day's application for a wind tower to be erected on his property. The Selectboard will direct Becky to contact the Public Service Board about the issue and find out whether the Town has any special clout on requesting a hearing.

Larry Hopkins asked about zoning update. The Selectboard noted they have asked for the determination on each case in question.

Selectboard directed Ted to email the Cemetery Commission regarding paying overtime after 8 hours per day and not over 40 hours/week.

Fiscal Matters**A) Signing of Selectboard Orders/Bills**

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

Helyn moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. David seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Teddy Hopkins
Acting Selectboard Clerk
August 3, 2016
Approved August 10, 2016*