

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2016**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Ted Hopkins, David Marchegiani, Amber Holland, Rebecca Stone, Larry Hopkins, Raymond Eilers, Rolf Parker, Rodney Salamone, Kim Thayer at 7:10 p.m., Richard Codogni at 7:25 p.m.

Call to Order

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Add under New Business two items: removal of tires from the playground at the Readsboro Elementary School, and Change Order for the School Street Riverbank Stabilization Project.

Approval of Agenda

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

Reading & Approval of Records

Ted moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Regular Meeting of 08/10/16 as corrected. Helyn seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters

A) Review of Budget Status Report

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| Checking balance | \$118,652.58 |
| Owed to school FY 2016/2017 | \$ 0 |
| Water Account | \$50,324.43 |
| Sewer Account | \$57,198.77 |
| July 1 st - Present | \$184,895.61 |
| General Fund Balance | \$118,652.58 |

Amber reviewed the Budget Status Report with the Selectboard. Amber to verify the balance for the Planning Commission grant. Amber received a notice from the Windham Solid Waste Management District requested a representative from Readsboro to attend an upcoming meeting on September 6th on the proposed solar project for the WSWMD closed landfill. Becky to follow up with Readsboro WSWMD Representative Jim Damato to see if he can attend.

B) Discussion on VLCT Requirement for Workers' Comp Audits

Discussed a notice received from VLCT concerning workers' comp audits. Amber and Becky to review the information and provide recommendations to the Selectboard.

Selectboard Administrative Report

A) Updates

Helyn announced that the School Street Riverbank Stabilization Project is running on schedule and that she will be attending the bi-weekly meeting with the Administrative Assistant, contractor, engineer, and ANR representative tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. Becky indicated that Greg Mayle cannot attend the meeting tomorrow

and has requested notes from the meeting. Ted reported that the field work for the SEARCH grant is scheduled to begin by The Dufresne Group. David said that the Fire Station blacktopping project is complete and that drainage is working well. Discussed the need to verify property lines near the Fire Station for any future projects. Ted provided summary of discussion with Green Mountain National Forest representatives concerning legal trail verification and gate location. It appears that some landowners object to gates, while others do not. Ted to continue discussions with GMNF and keep the Selectboard updated.

B) Administrative Assistant Report

- Notice received regarding the VLCT Business Meeting held in October requesting a voting delegate from each town. Selectboard would like Becky to attend. Becky to confirm availability. Tabled.
- Per the Readsboro DPW Superintendent, the paving of King Hill Road is scheduled for Friday, August 19th, and Glen Avenue on Saturday, August 20th, weather permitting. Paving notices have been posted. Becky will contact several residents along the roads to make them aware of the paving schedule. VTrans has indicated that paving of Vermont Route 100 through Readsboro is tentatively scheduled to begin at the end of next week.

Old Business

A) Discussion & Action on Chiste Drive Blacktopping

Discussed the paving of Chiste Drive with the Town assuming costs for the upper portion (approximately 270', 1 ½" blacktop), and the landowners of 46 Chiste Drive, paying for the lower portion. Ted made a motion to pave the top portion of Chiste Drive at a cost of approximately \$3,744. Helyn seconded. So voted. Helyn made a motion to sign a Paving Agreement for the lower portion of Chiste Drive to be paid for by Ernest and Kunigunda Bolognani of 46 Chiste Drive. David seconded. So voted. Becky will notify the landowners.

New Business & Communications

A) Discussion on Water/Sewer Delinquent Accounts

The Selectboard reviewed the report. No action taken.

B) Discussion on Management Training for Municipal CDL Drivers

VLCT is hosting federally required trainings for Reasonable Suspicion Testing on alcohol misuse and controlled substance use. The Selectboard has requested that Becky attend the training and/or the DPW Superintendent.

C) School Street Riverbank Stabilization Project Change Order

Helyn announced that Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,665.00 has been received to install extra PVC geomembrane, change in stone size, and steel grates, as a result of a design change as requested by ANR. This change in design will diminish opportunities for drain pipes to clog. The engineer and contractor are in agreement with the change. Helyn made a motion to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,665.00. Ted seconded. So voted.

D) Readsboro Elementary School (RES) Tire Removal

As a result of the new \$45,000.00 playground equipment project at the RES, the School Board has requested that the Town DPW pick up and dispose of the large tires that are part of the current playground structure. David and Ted felt as though the contractor should be taking the tires as part of the project. The cost of the tire removal was in the contractors bid. Helyn made a motion to have the Readsboro DPW take the tires from the playground to the Transfer Station. No second to the motion. Motion defeated.

Hearing of Visitors

Larry Hopkins offered comments on zoning applications and files, referenced emails, and the process for recording decisions. The Selectboard plans to meet with the Zoning Administrator in follow up to previously held meetings with him.

Kim Thayer said that problems with zoning applications have been ongoing for 2 ½ years. David indicated that current applications are being processed and that issues center around the backlog. Kim commented that Daubney Road needed fixing and it was done timely, and he wished to extend a thank you to the DPW.

Helyn received a communications item from James Dassatti on behalf of the Living History Association (LHA), a non-profit organization that performs educational public events related to history and educational programs for schools. The LHA is requesting a site in Readsboro along Canal Drive for placement of their 12'x15' storage shed since their current shed site has been sold. The Selectboard indicated that property along Canal Drive is owned by TransCanada, not the Town of Readsboro. Becky will relay the information to Mr. Dassatti.

Rolf Parker from Deerfield Valley News inquired to the Selectboard's position on the Star Wind Turbines project. Helyn indicated that the Selectboard has a neutral position on the project. Rolf requested recent correspondence with the Green Mountain National Forest and Ted will follow up with him accordingly.

Kim Thayer asked if Town-owned timber will be up for sale and Ted replied that at some point in the future it will be.

The Selectboard asked Becky to contact the Zoning Administrator and schedule a meeting.

Fiscal Matters

A) Signing of Selectboard Orders/Bills

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

David moved to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Ted seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rebecca Stone
Selectboard Clerk
August 17, 2016
Approved August 24, 2016*