

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
August 23, 2017**

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Jim Franzinelli
Others present: Rebecca Stone, Debbie Calnan, Linda Donaghue, Normajean Marchegiani, John Whitman, Sue Bailey, Kim Thayer

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

None

Approval of Agenda:

Helyn moved to accept the Agenda as written. Jim seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 9, 2017, as corrected and amended. David seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:**A) Review of Budget Status Report**

Checking balance	\$ 185,951.23
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$ -
Water Account	\$62,534.36
Sewer Account	\$55,624.44
Taxes Collected July 1 to Present	\$
General Fund Balance	\$ 185,951.23

Selectboard Administrative Report:**A) Updates**

David reported that one of the summer help staff will be finished in about a week as school will be starting up. The other summer employee will be staying on an additional month since a DPW staff person is attending training sessions. Helyn reported that she was contacted by William Wheeler, Transfer Station Operator, who said that the last time a sweep of the transfer station was done some of his personal items were taken. He is looking to see if anyone still has those items.

B) Report of Town Administrator:

A letter came from The Dufresne Group about helping with the Storm Water General Permit offering their services. The Town Fair is coming up in Killington in the first week in October. Rebecca is still waiting to hear back from the town lawyer on the Drug & Alcohol Policy.

Old Business:**A) Selectboard Meeting Schedule – Discussion & Action**

Helyn stated that the two week meeting schedule seems to be working out. When it gets busy around budget time, the Selectboard could meet on the off week to work on the budget.

Helyn moved that the Selectboard continue to meet with every other week. Jim seconded. So voted. The next meeting dates are September 6th & 20th, October 4th & 18th, November 1st, 15th & 29th.

B) Sidewalk Improvement Project – Discussion & Action

Becky reported that she is still waiting on nine properties; one has been received since the last meeting. One document had the information altered and may not be acceptable now. There is no update for anything new. Becky is still waiting on seven properties. The Selectboard stated that they will move forward with or without the last seven. The Selectboard gave Rebecca Stone permission to talk to Town Attorney Fisher for advice on what the process should be to continue.

C) Noise Ordinance - Discussion

An officer from the Sheriff's office has spoke to the individual complaining about noise. Helyn spoke to the people who own the Inn. There have been no other complaints from the homeowner. The Sheriff's office follows the State Statutes for noise and disturbing the peace.

D) Website Proposal - Discussion & Action

Jim reported that he is looking into the software that GoDaddy is using for the upgraded site but has not had enough time to finish yet.

Jim and Debbie will continue to work on it. Debbie will turn off the auto renew for GoDaddy and let the Selectboard know when the contract expires.

New Business:

A) Website Management – Discussion & Action

Debbie Calnan will send out a notice to the committees and commissions to inform them that there will be a deadline of 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday to get their items in to be posted to the website in a timely manner. The minutes and agendas will be kept for a two year period on the web site. Debbie will work on finding the meeting minutes prior to the current ones back to August 16, 2016 to get the web site up to date and compliant.

B) Clerical Staff for Boards & Committees – Discussion & Action

There was a suggestion at a previous meeting to have one clerical person for all the commissions and committees. The commissions and committees were contacted and stated that they want to keep their own staff as is.

C) Zoning Administrator Position – Discussion & Action

It was suggested that the pay for the Zoning Administrator is too low. No action will be taken on this item until they now if there is going to be a position that is needed.

D) Planning Commission Zoning Petition - Discussion & Action

Sue Bailey is here to report on the results of the public hearing by the Planning Commission. She reported that there was not a lot of information gleaned from the hearing. However, no real evidence was presented; it was mostly dialogue. Ms. Bailey gave a list to the Selectboard of things that were addressed at the hearing. The Selectboard will review the recommendations from the Planning Commission at a later date.

Hearing of Visitors:

John Whitman received some emails about the Regional Energy Plan. He has seen drafts of the plan. He wants to bring to the Selectboard's attention information on utility-scale wind. The WRC has deemed utility-scale wind incompatible with resource land or productive rural land.

Kim Thayer asked whether the town will invest in a roller to compact the gravel on the road. David said that the Town has a roller now. Mr. Thayer is concerned that someone will get hurt sliding in their car on the loose stone. The Selectboard will inform Norman Wilber about the concern.

Someone from Windham Regional Commission was in Town and commented that the Town of Readsboro has some of the best roads in the region.

Fiscal Matters:

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

David moved to adjourn at 7:45p.m. Jim seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Calnan, Selectboard Clerk
August 23, 2017
Approved 09/07/2017