

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
August 24, 2016**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Ted Hopkins, Rebecca Stone, Amber Holland, Norman Wilber, Larry Hopkins, John Whitman, Rolf Parker, Raymond Eilers at 6:45 p.m.

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. Ted seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Regular Meeting of 08-17-16 as corrected. Ted seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters

A) Review of Budget Status Report

Checking balance	\$245,566.92
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$0
Water Account	\$50,604.00
Sewer Account	\$57,364.01
July 1 - Present	\$324,036.38
General Fund Balance	\$245,566.92

Amber presented the Budget Status Report. The General Fund balance has increased dramatically since last week due to tax revenues. Amber is working on the Ruba Road reimbursement as it relates to emergency repair materials for washouts during Hurricane Irene. Selectboard signed a statement showing tonnage prices for Ruba Road as required by the State.

B) Discussion & Action on Town Office Lease

Ted made a motion to sign the 1 (one) year Town Office lease for 2016/2017 for the Readsboro School. David seconded. So voted.

Report of the Superintendent of Public Works

A) Updates on Highways & Equipment

Norm reported that all equipment is up and running. Mowing, weedwacking, and grading continues. DPW had to change a culvert on Glen Avenue and do some blacktop patching before Vermont Roadworks started the paving. Repairs continue on catch basins and other miscellaneous tasks. Norm explained the reasons behind the overtime for the past two weeks. Norm to follow up on weed control on East Main Street. Summer help will not be extending into September.

B) Updates on Blacktopping Projects

Paving projects on Glen Avenue and King Hill Road are complete. Norm reported that tonnage is well over the estimated amount for the Glen Avenue paving, while King Hill Road ran consistent with the original estimate. Vermont Route 100/Main Street milling is scheduled to begin on August 30th, with paving to follow. Norm will review low areas on Phelps Lane and Main Street tomorrow when he meets with the Route 100 contractor.

Selectboard Administrative Report

A) Updates

Helyn reported that the School Street Riverbank Stabilization Project is done with a final walk-through scheduled for tomorrow with the contractor, engineer, and ANR representative. The project finished on schedule and under budget. David had questions about the matting and seeding and said he will attend the meeting tomorrow. The generator inspection was performed today at the Fire Station as reported by David. Raymond Eilers asked who performs the service on the generator at the Readsboro School and Ted offered that it is serviced through Cummins. Ray wanted to know why Brook Field doesn't do the service at the school as they service other generators in town. Ted indicated that Cummins is used as it applies to the warranties for the school generator. Becky commented that she had given the Brook Field representative contact information for the school a few months ago since it could be more efficient and cost-effective to have service performed by one firm.

B) Discussion & Action on School Street Guardrail Placement

The guardrail has been installed on School Street and everyone is satisfied with the placement.

C) Administrative Assistant Report

Upcoming Meetings:

- Brattleboro Landfill Solar Project – September 6th – Jim Damato, WSWMD Representative will attend the evening session; Administrative Assistant will attend the morning session
- VLCT Reasonable Suspicion Training – September 15th – Administrative Assistant and DPW Superintendent are registered
- VLCT Annual Business Meeting – October 5th – Selectboard delegated the Administrative Assistant to attend
- Zoning Administrator is scheduled for the September 14th Selectboard meeting

Communications:

- Star Wind Turbines – noise/sound analysis received as submitted to the Vermont Public Service Board

Old Business

A) Update on SEARCH Grant Answers

Ted indicated that he has confirmed with the Dufresne Group that soil borings will be done where necessary as allowed within the grant. Ray inquired to the location of the borings. Larry asked what the SEARCH grant was for. Ted explained that it is for the East Main Street and possibly the Brooklyn Street Extension water line relocation/replacement. In general, SEARCH grants are used for the rehabilitation of water and sewer operations.

New Business & Communications

A) Discussion & Action on Appointing Attendees to Future Seminars/Meetings

See Administrative Assistant Report above.

Hearing of Visitors

Ray asked what the status was on the various benefits packages from surrounding towns that the Selectboard received. Selectboard said that they are reviewing the materials that they received from the DPW Superintendent. The Selectboard noted that a new sick time law is coming into effect in January and they are going to be taking that into consideration. Ray asked if the Selectboard is considering a 4-day work week similar to other towns. No action has been taken yet on the benefits package. In preparation for a future article, Rolf Parker made inquiries to how well-prepared the Town is to handle natural disasters.

Fiscal Matters

A) Signing of Selectboard Orders/Bills

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

Ted moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. David seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Rebecca Stone
Selectboard Clerk
August 24, 2016
Approved August 31, 2016*