

**Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
September 7, 2016**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Ted Hopkins, Rebecca Stone, Norman Wilber, Raymond Eilers, Larry Hopkins, John Whitman, Greg Chittenden, Brian Keefe, Kenneth Smith, Joe Taber, Doren Emmett, Charlie Seavey, Brian Holmes

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

Ted moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Regular Meeting of 08-31-16 as corrected. David seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters

A) Review of Budget Status Report

Checking balance	\$476,953.18
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$0
Water Account	\$53,013.76
Sewer Account	\$48,137.25
July 1 - Present	\$574,561.84
General Fund Balance	\$476,953.18

Amber provided the Budget Status Report. Amber was unable to participate in the meeting due to Town Clerk/Tax Collector duties.

Report of the Superintendent of Public Works

A) Updates on Highways & Equipment

Norm reported that all equipment is up and running. Mowing is nearly complete for the year and the summer help is done. DPW continues to haul gravel, grade roads, and perform tree and brush cutting. Blacktop projects are finished. Installation of guardrail on the salt shed is being done and the old cable rail on Canal Drive has been replaced. The Vermont Route 100 blacktopping project is going well and the main lanes on Main Street will be paved tomorrow, returning on Friday to finish. Norm consulted with Wilks Paving about overlaying the dip on Phelps Lane, but it was decided that it was not conducive to blacktopping at this time. The add-on expense for paving a section of Tunnel Street was \$3,109.67. Norm explained the overtime hours were in response to a hydro alarm, but overtime was mostly due to the blacktopping projects. David asked Raymond Eilers to keep Norm posted on the status of Chiste Drive paving since Ray did not have an update tonight. David asked about the paving invoices and Norm has already followed up and is awaiting the invoices from Vermont Roadworks.

Selectboard Administrative Report

A) Updates

Ted provided an update on walking Forest Road #73. A draft decision notice has been received which includes some modifications. David had questions about the upcoming parcel meetings. John Whitman will attend a session in October. Becky will forward the communications from the State to the Selectboard that not only explains the upcoming meetings, but she noted that it also requires an answer from towns as soon as possible if they are interested in taking advantage of the parcel program. David reported that the dry hydrant grant project on West Hill has been pre-approved and that he anticipates the project being done next year. David announced that the emergency cell tower service from the Fire Department is back online. Helyn has not heard whether the Bike/Ped grant application was approved.

B) Administrative Assistant Report

- School Street Sidewalk Project – Becky reported that draft easement language is being prepared. Becky will alert Town Counsel that review of easements will be needed as early as next week
- Windham Landfill Solar Project – Becky attended an informational meeting this week and fully endorses that the Town participate in the project which could realize 25% in electrical savings to the Town in the first year. The Selectboard said they were in favor of participating in the Windham Solid Waste Management District solar project located in Brattleboro, Vermont
- Communications item from last week: Letter to Mr. Macdonald was finalized
- Communications:
 - Department of Environmental Conservation – alleged violations at Transfer Station
 - Star Wind Turbines (Bailey Hill Wind Project) – letter to the Public Service Board
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - Vermont Bridge #25 – VAOT officials are scheduled for the October 12th Selectboard meeting to discuss conceptual plans for the bridge

C) Set Public Hearing Date for School Street Stabilization Project Closeout

The Selectboard set a Public Hearing date of September 28, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. for the School Street Riverbank Stabilization Project Closeout. Becky will post the hearing notices and advertise as required.

Old Business

A) Discussion & Updates with Windmill Developer – Deerfield Wind Project

Representatives from Avangrid Renewables and Maine Drilling & Blasting explained the proposed construction and blasting schedule for the Deerfield Wind Project. It was noted that all material will be processed and kept on site. Environmental studies have been done. No weekend or holiday blasting is scheduled. There will be a no-trespass order during construction. There are no residents within a half-mile of the site. Larry Hopkins inquired to values and payments to the Town. Doren Emmett with Avangrid suggested that a future meeting with the Selectboard and Avangrid staff be held to discuss these types of questions.

New Business & Communications

A) Appointing Delegates to the Development Review Board

Ted made a motion to appoint Sue Bailey, Lance Howard, and David Marchegiani as Alternates to the Development Review Board. Helyn seconded. David abstained. So voted.

Note: New Business & Communications continued after Hearing of Visitors.

Hearing of Visitors

Raymond Eilers said that speeding on Tunnel Street continues and that there is very little visibility of the State Police. Selectboard will have Becky follow up with the State Police.

New Business & Communications - continued

B) Executive Session - Evaluation

Motion to enter executive session at 7:35 pm appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee; according to 1 V.S.A 313(A) by Helyn, seconded by Ted. So voted. Motion to adjourn from executive session at 8:15 p.m. made by Helyn, seconded by David. So voted.

Regular session resumed at 8:18 p.m.

A member of the Selectboard and Becky will follow up on the Transfer Station alleged violations.

Fiscal Matters

A) Signing of Selectboard Orders/Bills

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

David moved to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Ted seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Stone

Selectboard Clerk

September 7, 2016

Approved September 14, 2016