

**Town of Readsboro  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
October 5, 2016**

Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Ted Hopkins, Rebecca Stone, Larry Hopkins, Raymond Eilers, John Horne at 7:50 p.m.

**Call to Order**

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

**Agenda Additions/Deletions**

Delete the Report of the Superintendent of Public Works since he is unable to attend the meeting, and under New Business, delete Discussion & Action on Library Internet Service as the discussion is no longer needed.

**Approval of Agenda**

Helyn moved to approve the agenda as changed, removing the two items as noted above. Ted seconded. So voted.

**Reading & Approval of Records**

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Vermont Community Development Program Public Hearing of 09-28-16 for the School Street Riverbank Stabilization Project as presented. David seconded. So voted. Ted moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Regular Meeting of 09-28-16 as corrected. David seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters**

**A) Review of Budget Status Report**

An updated Budget Status Report was not provided since the Town Clerk/Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting, but it was noted there was not much of a change since last week.

**Report of the Superintendent of Public Works**

**A) Updates on Highways & Equipment**

Item removed from the Agenda.

**Selectboard Administrative Report**

**A) Updates**

Helyn reported that the DPW Superintendent has reported no issues. Ted to follow up with Norm about the new sander. No update on the SEARCH Grant per Ted. David remarked that the Transfer Station is staying organized.

**B) Administrative Assistant Report**

- Sidewalk Project – *draft easements are nearly complete; engineering firm to review and forward to VTrans for review*
- Drug & Alcohol Policy – *draft presented; Selectboard to review*
- Windham Landfill Solar Project – *projected savings data received; working with Encore Renewable Energy on next steps for this net metering project*
- Communications: None

### Upcoming Meetings:

- VTrans – Vermont Bridge #25 Discussion at October 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Selectboard meeting. Selectboard inquired to how much of a change in the original design and sidewalk concerns. Becky will follow up with VTrans in preparation for the meeting.
- Procurement Policy – Discussion & Action at October 26, 2016 Selectboard meeting
- Drug & Alcohol Policy – Discussion & Action at November 2, 2016 Selectboard meeting
- Water Ordinance – Discussion & Action at November 9, 2016 Selectboard meeting

### Old Business

#### **A) Discussion on Alpenwald**

John Horne offered comments to the Selectboard on the Alpenwald Village and overall changes in Readsboro in the past few decades. The Selectboard explained that changes to the ski industry have had a tremendous impact on the area in general. David noted that economic development efforts are being put forth by both Windham and Bennington counties, along with the Southern Vermont Economic Development group to address population and economic concerns. Helyn noted that this is a state-wide issue, not specific to the area. John asked about the Town taking over Alpenwald and Helyn explained that the Selectboard cannot change subdivisions in Alpenwald as it is a private association. Helyn let him know that if this is something he wishes to pursue, he needs to bring his issues before the voters. Discussed energy efficiency and zoning regulations. David explained that the Town will be seeing revenues from the windmill project.

Note: This Agenda item was discussed at the end of the meeting when Mr. Horne arrived.

### New Business & Communications

#### **A) Discussion & Action on Library Internet**

Item removed from the Agenda.

#### **B) Discussion & Action on Town Administrator Job Description**

The Selectboard discussed potential revisions to the Town Administrator job description. Larry Hopkins asked why the revisions are being done. The Selectboard explained that it is contract-related. Helyn made a motion to approve the part-time Town Administrator job description as revised. David seconded. Ted not in favor. Motion carried.

#### **C) Discussion & Action on Revised Selectboard Clerk Contract**

The Selectboard discussed potential revisions to the Selectboard Clerk contract. Helyn made a motion to approve the part-time Selectboard Clerk contract as revised. David seconded. So voted. The Selectboard noted that the contract will be signed on October 6, 2016.

#### **D) Discussion & Action on Town Administrator Contract**

The Selectboard discussed the contract for the Town Administrator position. Helyn made a motion to approve the Town Administrator contract as presented. David seconded. Ted not in favor. Motion carried. The Selectboard noted that the contract will be signed on October 6, 2016.

### Hearing of Visitors

Larry Hopkins asked when the Selectboard would be talking with someone about the financial aspect of the Deerfield Wind Project. Becky indicated that she is waiting on a reply from Avangrid. It was decided that a work session with a member of the Selectboard, Larry, Becky, and Avangrid representative will be set up to gather the information and report back to the Selectboard.

Normajeane Marchegiani, Utility Clerk, has followed up on the request from the Windham Solid Waste Management District for recycling material hauling pricing and presented the quotations to the Selectboard.

**Fiscal Matters**

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

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

Ted moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. David seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Rebecca Stone*

*Selectboard Clerk*

*October 5, 2016*

*Approved October 12, 2016*