

**Town of Readsboro  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
October 18, 2017**

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Jim Franzinelli  
Others present: Rebecca Stone, Debbie Calnan, Ted Hopkins, Chris Schofield and Erik Markus

**Call to Order:**

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

**Agenda Additions/Deletions:**

Move old business and new business under reading and approval of records.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

Helyn moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of October 4, 2017, as corrected and amended. Jim seconded. So voted.

**Old Business:**

**A) Communication Regarding 91 School Street Property – Discussion**

Erik Markus, the potential property owner, is here tonight. He is requesting a total removal of the water and sewer charges on 91 School Street as he has not used the services that were charged for. The charges are in the amount of \$20,708.41 as of 09/05/17.

Chris Schofield questioned the Selectboard as to how the water/sewer bill got so high. They responded that it has been accumulating interest for several years for four units. Rebecca Stone stated that the Selectboard has the right to wave these types of charges by law. Mr. Schofield suggested that the accumulation of charges in unoccupied properties be a matter of discussion at a future meeting.

All three Selectboard members are willing to reduce the bill contingent on the sale transfer to Mr. Markus to prove that he is the owner of the building. They will agree to reduce it by 50%. Rebecca will send a letter to Mr. Markus stating that the Selectboard will reduce the water/sewer bill by 50% contingent on his ownership of the property at 91 School Street.

**New Business:**

**A) Delinquent Tax Collector Regarding Alpenwald Lots – Discussion & Action**

Mr. Hopkins provided the Selectboard with documents pertaining to the Alpenwald lots. Ted will create a billing for back taxes that the Town owes and the Town will pay the bill in full on five parcels in Alpenwald that he has circled in the document.

Helyn moved to have the Delinquent Tax Collector pay the taxes accrued on five parcels in Alpenwald in order to remove the parcels off the tax records. Jim seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters:**

**A) Review of Budget Status Report**

Checking balance	\$ 509,975.44
Owed to school FY 2016-2017	\$863,638.72

Water Account	\$63,929.42
Sewer Account	\$60,116.40
General Fund Balance	\$ (353,633.28)

### **Selectboard Administrative Report:**

#### **A) Updates**

Helyn read the report of the DPW. Hauling gravel, digging ditches and culvert ends is ongoing. Underground piping has been installed in a few trouble areas. The tractor is back from Hudson River, so leaf blowing has been started.

Helyn gave an update on Mr. William Wheeler, Transfer Station Operator, who was severely injured at home. He is in rehab for at least another week to 10 days and anticipates being back to work in two weeks. The job description which lists the weight will be given to the doctor. If the doctor releases him for work, he will return. There is a temporary operator at the Transfer Station until the end of the month. A job offer will be put out for a temporary operator until Mr. Wheeler returns. Anticipated end time would be in December.

#### **Report of Town Administrator:**

Rebecca reported on the Parcel Map Project. She has started hearing back from some of the companies interested in the project. The Hazard Mitigation Plan will need to be done again in two years. Help is available with it for a 25% match. There is another offer for an Alpenwald lot that will be on a future agenda.

#### **Hearing of Visitors:**

Chris Schofield would like to thank Norman Wilber for a job well done at the end of his driveway with the repairs that were done.

The Selectboard received a letter of complaint regarding the flashing of truck lights and loud music coming from a deck on East Main Street, so it has been forward to the Sheriff's Department.

#### **Fiscal Matters:**

Board reviewed mail & signed warrants.

Jim moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Helyn seconded. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debbie Calnan, Selectboard Clerk  
October 18, 2017  
*Approved: November 1, 2017*