

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
December 19, 2018

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Joseph Berard, David Marchegiani
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Ernie Bolognani, Larry Hopkins, Jim Damato, Ray Eilers

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda: Helyn made a motion to remove DPW report and no discussion on Hearing minutes, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report

No report this week

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

-Administrative Assistants report was read.

-Norman absent from meeting, he is having foot problems. He gave a verbal report to Helyn stating truck #3 had to be repaired due to a broken differential and truck #4 the sander is not working. Raymond asked why truck #3 was broken; Helyn stated she didn't know the particulars. He also asked how much it had cost to fix it and was given the amount of \$2,349.37.

-Helyn also informed the audience that the brush/fallen branches have been taken care of by the highway department.

DPW Report:

No report, Norman is ill.

Old Business:

A) **No Parking Sign- Discussion & Action:**

Sign in front of the Readsboro Inn next to Glen Ave and East Main Street has been installed on a pole in front of the Inn's porch.

New Business & Communications:

A) **Review of Saturday 12-8-18 Hearing Minutes**

Helyn made a motion to accept the minutes of the 12-8-18 Hearing as written, Joseph seconded. So voted. David didn't vote as he was not present for the hearings.

B) **ATV questionnaire for Town Meeting- Discussion & Action:**

After much discussion the board feels that a separate questionnaire should be distributed before the Australian ballot vote along with an information sheet.

C) **Upcoming Meeting Dates- Discussion & Action:**

There will not be a meeting on 12/26/18. January meetings are set as,

1/2/19- Regular Meeting

1/9/19- Budget Work Session

1/16/19- Regular Meeting

1/23/19- Budget Work Session

1/30/19- Regular Meeting

D) Change of Authorized Representative Form- Water Infrastructure- Discussion & Action:

Helyn made a motion to sign the change of authorized representative form from Raymond Eilers to Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Hearing of Visitors:

Raymond asked if the Town was considering hiring a professional consulting company to advise them as to how to spend the windmill money coming in. He asked if the Selectboard had any plans for it. He was told that they planned on using it for building infrastructure. He was also told that the money was coming in as tax revenue rather than a lump sum as was originally thought. Raymond asked if there was a digital copy of the building plans that Crane Associates worked up for the Town. Karen will look into this. He also asked if the board was planning on having a proposal for a set amount for the buildings or if they planned on asking the townspeople for another sinking fund. He was told that it would be a set amount. Raymond feels that the proposed size of the new Town Garage is extravagant in size and could be scaled down to be more affordable.

Raymond also asked if the Selectboard had considered giving themselves raises as it has been quite some time since they have done so. Helyn told him that they were not considering raises for themselves.

Larry still feels that closing the school and using the space is the best option for the Town. He feels that by closing the school and tuition the kids out to Stamford the Town would save \$250,000.00 a year. He was told until that happens they are not considering the school as a potential site for the new garage and office. He asked the board that if the school were to close would they be interested in looking at the space as an option and he was told yes they would.

Executive Session if Needed:

None

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills

Payroll and AP were reviewed and signed

B) Budget Work Session-Appropriations

Appropriations, Historical Society and Water/ Sewer budgets were reviewed.

Adjournment:

Helyn motioned to adjourn Joseph seconded meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
December 20, 2018