

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
July 18, 2018

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Jim Franzinelli, David Marchegiani
Others present: Normajean Marchegiani, Karen Boisvert, Norman Wilber, Al Scaia, Raymond Eilers, Vince Guest, Larry Hopkins, Jim Dassatti, Marcia Evans

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda: Weaver Bill to be signed off on as it is currently late

Helyn made a motion to approve agenda as corrected, Jim seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report

No report this week due to Town Treasurers vacation

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

Both Helyn and Jim thanked Karen Boisvert for covering the Town Clerk/ Treasurers and Utility Clerk position as well as doing her normal Administrative Assistant position while Amber was on vacation and Normajean is still on medical leave.

Forrest Hicks reported to Jim Franzinelli that the fencing and posts are being dug up and stolen up at the South Hill Cemetery. Karen notified the Sheriff's Department to make them aware.

Both Vincent Guest and Marcia Evans complained about a house they own on School St. They are not happy with the finished sidewalk in front of the home. They feel it is not up to the standard that the rest of the houses were provided. This will be addressed at the meeting on Thursday with the contractors.

Old Business:

A) School Lease Agreement- Discussion and Action-

Tabled still have questions on shared space and have not heard back from the Chair of the School Board to respond to our concerns and questions.

B) Town Backhoe-Discussion and Action-

A quote was given to the board by Norm Wilber from NORTRAX, Caterpillar did not return a price quote. The quote was broken down into 3 different plans. Norman recommended we go with the 4 year lease and to pay off early. Helyn made a motion to purchase the backhoe with the 4 year lease with a total of \$26,388 per year totaling \$105,553 with early payoff, Jim seconded. Motion passed.

C) NEMRC contract- Discussion and Action-

Currently we have a contract with a flat fee. NEMRC provided us with a new contract that is billed out as \$75 per hour plus \$37.5 travel fee. This will be the standard contract for FY20. We can stay with current contract or re-sign with the new format for the FY19. Helyn made a motion to re-sign with the new hourly/travel rate, Jim seconded. So voted.

New Business & Communications:

A) Road reclassification of Billy Goat Hill- Discussion and Action-

The State of Vermont is requiring the Town to reclassify .61 miles of the road from a Class 3 to Class 4 or to maintain it. This will result in a \$900 a year loss in state aid.

B) Town reappraisals- Discussion and Action-

The State of Vermont sent out a "Notice of Reappraisal Order" in the order is a packet to fill out which is due within 30 days. Helyn to do so on Friday with Amber. Deadline to complete reappraisal is April 1, 2021. RFP's to be sent out ASAP.

C) Selectboard Clerks Position- Discussion and Action-

The position has been open for several weeks with no inquiries. Amber is not interested in continuing with it. Amber recommended that the position be rolled into the Administrative Assistant position. Helyn asked Karen if this would be acceptable with her and she confirmed that it was. Helyn made a motion to combine the Selectboard Clerks duties into the Administrative Assistant position and Jim seconded. So voted

Hearing of Visitors:

Raymond asked about the Catholic Churches parking lot in regards to the sidewalk project. David explained the specifications due to the parameters of the grant. Raymond also had concerns about telephone poles in the center of the sidewalks and how the sidewalks will be cleared of snow. Raymond requested to be put on the agenda for August 1, 2018 for discussion and action on the possibility of reclassifying a Class 4 road.

Jim Dassatti asked for a letter of support for the RHR's Bullock Building who is writing a grant for a new heating system and improvements to the basement.

Executive Session:

1 V.S.A. (3) Personnel Matter

Helyn made a motion to enter into executive session at 7 pm, Jim seconded. So voted

Present: Helyn, Jim and Normajean Marchegiani

Helyn made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:10 pm, Jim seconded. So voted

Return to work granted for Normajean Marchegiani effective Friday 7/20/18

Adjournment:

Helyn motioned to adjourn Jim seconded meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant

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