

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
September 26, 2018

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani

Others present: Normajeane Marchegiani, Karen Boisvert, Raymond Eilers, Larry Hopkins, Drew Peltier, Bob Marechal, Ted Hopkins

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda: Sanding and Heartwellville plowing bids, discussion and action to be added under Selectboard Updates

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

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of previous Meeting of 09-19-18

Helyn made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, David seconded. So voted

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report

No discussion

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

-Administrative Assistant report was read.

-Helyn informed the audience that there was a regularly scheduled side walk meeting tomorrow where the Town would be addressing their concerns with the resident engineer, representative from Windham Regional Commission and a VTRANS representative.

-David stated that he was getting complaints about the condition of Mike Chases property. Karen told him to have those complaining to put it in writing to either herself or to the Junk Officer.

-Helyn made a motion to put the towns' winter sand and plowing for Heartwellville roads out to bid, David seconded. So voted

Old Business:

A) Update from the Delinquent Tax Collector:

Ted Hopkins informed the board that the Tax Sale process was roughly half way done. 9 properties were either paid or on a payment plan, 9 Alpendwald lots were on the list as well as 9 non Alpenwald lots for a total of 18 properties going up for tax sale as of today. He also stated that of the 3 properties that he contacted about small claims court 2 had been taken care of leaving one that is still a possibility of pursuing in that manner. Ted reminded the board that before the sale the lawyer would need a letter confirming that the Town would make the minimum bid on properties that do not receive one. Ted explained that the notice would need to be in the newspaper for 3 consecutive weeks before the sale and time was getting tight. Ted also brought up the point that it is customary for the Town Agent to be present at the sale to make the minimum bid on properties however he is the Town Agent as well as the Delinquent Tax Collector so a Selectboard member should take his place for the sale. He reminded the board that the Town could only make a minimum bid on a piece of property no higher. Ted also voiced his concern that he still has not received a key to the building from the school. Helyn said she would look into the matter. Ted will update the board again before the sale takes place.

B) Letters of Intent for vacant Selectboard seat- Discussion and Action:

3 letters were received. Applicants were Carl Marchegiani, Raymond Eilers and Joseph Berard. David made a motion to go into executive session at 6:55pm to discuss the applicants Helyn seconded. So voted. Helyn made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:05pm David seconded. So voted. Helyn stated while Carl and Raymond had experience both Helyn as well as David decided to appoint Joseph Berard to the vacant seat. She stated they looked forward to his perspective as a younger member of the community and was glad to see the younger towns' people interested in getting involved.

New Business & Communications:

A) Living History Association- Economic Development, Self-guided tour- Discussion & Action:

No show, tabled indefinitely

Hearing of Visitors:

Raymond asked why the water project was only getting 200ft done this year. He was told it was to keep the project under 500ft so that an engineer would not have to get involved.

Larry asked why the Zoning had not been updated as was stated at a meeting in the spring. Helyn will call Sue Bailey to have this put on a planning Commissions agenda for discussion.

Both David and Helyn wanted it known that they appreciated and wanted to thank everyone who was involved in making David Mckenna and Ed Arnolds retirement party a success. A special thank you note to be sent out to Cheryl and Jeremy Green for the food they prepared for the party.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills

Adjournment:

Helyn motioned to adjourn David seconded meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
September 26, 2018