

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
November 7, 2018

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Norman Wilber, Raymond Eilers, Larry Hopkins, Forrest Hicks, Jim Calnan, Jim Dassatti, Rhonda Smith, Omar Smith, Carl Marchegiani

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Helyn made a motion to approve agenda as written, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report

None

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

Administrative Assistant report was read

Helyn stated that the sidewalk project was complete with the exception of a few minor things to be cleaned up in the spring

Old Business:

A) Reappraisal Proposal- NEMRC

After receiving only one response from the 16 RFP's that were sent out Helyn made a motion to accept the proposal sent in by NEMRC to perform the reappraisal starting July 2019 for the cost of \$67,200, Joseph seconded. So voted

B) Living History Association- Walking Tour- Discussion & Action

Jim Dassatti had asked at a previous meeting for a letter of recommendation from the Town for a walking tour project that the LHA is working on. Helyn signed the letter that was written up by the Administrative Assistant. Mr. Dassatti presented the board with a proposed petition that he intends to have ready for town meeting that would have the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to match grant funds for this project.

C) Reclassification of Roads- Discussion & Action

The Selectboard approved moving forward with the discontinuance of Chiste Road, Bonne View Road and Wheeler Drive. The date for the site visit and hearing was set for December 8, 2018

D) Jim Calnan- Reclassification of his road- Discussion & Action

Norman has had a phone conversation with Raymond Eilers who is Mr. Calnans winter maintenance contractor. Norman stated that he had planned to replace the culvert but is behind schedule. Jim asked if the town could plow differently to help alleviate the wall of snow at his entrance. Jim also inquired about the possibility of reclassifying his road way to a class 3 from the current class 4. Norman stated he was against doing this. Larry Hopkins asked who's authority it was to deny his

request and was told it would be the Selectboard. The Selectboard will revisit this issue in the spring.

New Business & Communications:

A) Bandstand Use 11/23/18-1/5/18- Library

Helyn made a motion to allow the Library use of the bandstand from 11/23/18 thru 1/5/18 for their annual winter event, David seconded. So voted

B) Switch to winter roads

David made a motion to switch to winter roads retroactive to 11/5/18, Joseph seconded. So voted. David requested that a discussion to eliminate the winter vs summer roads distinction be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

C) Weaver pay requisition #8 & #9- Discussion & Action

Sidewalk project is done on budget. Helyn made a motion to sign the pay request #8 & #9, Joseph seconded. So voted

D) Land Gift- Discussion & Action

The town received a letter from John Horne asking the Town to take Lot 244 in section 5 of Alpenwald. This lot has delinquent taxes associated with it. The town does not consider taking lots that have delinquent taxes or liens. A letter will be sent to Mr. Horne stating that the town will not accept his gift and for what reason.

Hearing of Visitors:

-Raymond asked if the preschool signs put up on Tunnel Street were legal. He was told yes they were. He also asked when the town would be getting the new backhoe. He was told we are still waiting for it to come in. He also asked if the paving bill had come in for Bailey Hill and if so what was the total. He was told yes and the bill was for 772.110 tons at \$71.4 per ton for a total of \$55,128.65

-Rhonda Smith informed the board that the furnace was installed at the Historical Society and requested the town to match the grant for the amount of \$2,900. Raymond asked why the Historical Society did not have their own budget and David told him that the town was working towards that. David made a motion to pay the \$2,900 out of Selectmen Special Projects, Helyn seconded. So voted

- Omar Smith will sign himself, Helyn and Karen up for workshops at the Connectivity Summit at Mount Snow on November 30th. He is also looking for BCC committee members to volunteer.

- Larry asked about the zoning complaints and was told all the complaints were looked into and responses are recorded on the sheet and in their files.

Executive Session: VSA 313 (1) (A)

Helyn made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:35 pm, David seconded . So voted. Present were Helyn, David, Joseph and Norman. David made a motion to leave executive session at 7:48pm, Helyn seconded. So voted. An offer to have Norm work with potential replacement was given and Norm will consider the offer.

VSA 313 (1) (A)

Helyn made a motion to enter executive session, Joseph seconded. So voted. Present were Helyn, David, Joseph and Karen. Helyn made a motion to leave executive session at 7:56pm, David seconded. So voted. Administrative Assistant contract renewed from October 11, 2018 thru June 30, 2019

Fiscal Matters:

- A) **Signing of Selectboard orders/bills**
- B) **Budget Work Session**

Adjournment:

Helyn motioned to adjourn David seconded meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
November 8, 2018