

Town of Readsboro  
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting  
The Readsboro Town Office  
August 22, 2018

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Jim Franzinelli, David Marchegiani  
Others present: Normajeon Marchegiani, Karen Boisvert, Norman Wilber, Al Scaia, Larry Hopkins, Sue Bailey, Amber Holland, Mitchell Holland, Adam Codogni, Carl Marchegiani

**Call to Order:**

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

**Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:**

None

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

**Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 08-15-18**

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

**Fiscal Matters:**

Jim asked about the school budget, Amber stated journal entry still needs to be completed. David asked why the AFG grant was negative, Amber told him that bills were ordered under that account and the Selectboard signed off on it so that is where it was taken out of. David asked Amber to move it to the Fire Departments Capital Fund account.

**Selectboard Administrative Report:**

None

**Old Business:**

**A) Work Session of the Municipal Buildings/ Finance Committee:**

A letter signed by a few community members was read by Helyn suggesting that the Town Hall be located at 7029 Main Street which is currently owned by John Ransom. Reasons were given that this would not be an ideal location included the fact that the vault would need to be in the basement, soil would need to be tested due to its former use as a gas station. The basement is known to be very damp and have mold issues. There is also very limited parking. It was mentioned that in the original survey that this location was looked at and discarded for the same reasons.

Mitchell informed the board that if the Highway Department relocated to the ball field the Town would have to install some form of septic system and the road would need to be upgraded. If they stayed at the current Branch Hill location things might get tight with the new salt and sand sheds. Having a combined Highway Department and Fire Department would not be feasible and won't be discussed in the future.

The Towns Fire Chief Adam Codogni stated he would rather expand than relocate. If the Fire Department were to expand a variance would be required for them to meet setbacks in Zoning.

Larry still feels the current school is the best option and presented the steps needed to close the school if we desired to pursue this option.

It was decided that a combination Highway Garage and Town Office space located at the Branch Hill site would be the best option to move forward.

Jim asked Amber, Norman and Adam to come back at the next meeting with a loose idea of what their spaces should look like in a drawing

**B) School Lease Agreement-Discussion and Action:**

Helyn made a motion to sign the Lease Agreement as written Jim seconded, so voted.

**C) Water/Sewer Capital Funds- Discussion & Action:**

David made a motion to move \$16,000 from the FY 18 Fund Balance to the Water Departments Capital Fund and \$18,000 from the FY 18 Fund Balance to the Sewer Departments Capital Fund, Jim Seconded, so voted.

**D) FY 18 Total Budget- Discussion & Action:**

Tabled, to be added as work session to the 8/29/18 meeting.

**E) Reappraisal RFP- Discussion & Action:**

Tabled

**New Business & Communications:**

**A) Retirement Party for David McKenna and Ed Arnold- Discussion & Action:**

Party to be held at the American Legion on 9/22/18 from 4:30-8PM. Helyn made a motion to give them both \$250 gift certificates. Tractor Supply for Ed and Home Depot for David Jim seconded, so voted.

**Hearing of Visitors:**

Adam wanted to give the Selectboard a heads up concerning the fact that Monroe no longer had an active Fire Department that mutual aid calls were going to eventually become a problem. He explained that we would either need to raise the cost for mutual aid or possibly bill out individual calls.

Norma Jean updated the Selectboard that the recycling company that she has been in touch with for clothing is not an option at this time.

Larry stated that a cloud might be necessary for the upcoming town reappraisal. Amber asked him if he had contacted NEMRC yet, he has not. Amber does not have a problem with putting the Grand List in the cloud but only that one module as others ones have personal information in them. Larry also asked if the board had given any thought to the information that was given last week on appealing a BCA decision. Helyn stated she would not appeal a decision she was not present for and would stand by what the board decided. Both David and Jim feel that the BCA decision should stand. Jim feels that when the reappraisal is finished it will straighten itself out.

**Executive Session:**

None

**Fiscal Matters:**

A) Signing of Selectboard order/bills

**Adjournment:**

Jim motioned to adjourn, Helyn seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant  
August 23, 2018