

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
September 5, 2018

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Jim Franzinelli, David Marchegiani

Others present: Karen Boisvert, Norman Wilber, Al Scaia, Vince Guest, Larry Hopkins, Marcia Evans, Amber Holland, Mitchell Holland, Michael Cole, Joseph Berard, Richard Bernard, Carl Marchegiani

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Living History Association discussion under New Business is to be tabled until next week due to Mr. Dassatti being ill. Helyn made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Jim seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report

No report this week, system down

Selectboard Administrative Report:

- A) Updates:
None

Old Business:

- A) Jack Pines Pirate ATV Group- Discussion & Action:
Group asked to change wording in their Ordinance to be more consistent and change Town Roads to Town Right of Ways.
- B) Awarding of Bid for East Main Street Water Line Project- Discussion & Action:
Mitchell made a recommendation to award the bid to Berards Excavating. Carl asked Mitchell why he was recommending the bid from Berards Excavating over the others. Mitchell stated that the hourly rate was the same as the next closest and Berards would have the former DPW Superintendent Barry Howes on the project. Mr Howes has extensive knowledge of our water system and would be a big asset to the project. Helyn made a motion to accept the RFP from Berards Excavating and David Seconded. So voted.
- C) Work Session of the Municipal Buildings/ Finance Committee:
Amber and Norman feel that the combined facility of a combined Town Garage and Town Office would not be feasible at the Branch Hill location due to the size of the lot as well as many problems regarding water such as run off from the mountain and no town water available. They feel that the ball field location might be a better option. Main topic of discussion was mainly about having an architect rework the existing designs to suit our current needs and to create a cost comparison for town's people to decide on. Helyn made a motion to proceed with contacting architects for cost analysis on reworked designs David seconded. So voted. Jim asked Larry if he had any more information regarding the school as an option. Larry presented the board with projected enrollment numbers for the next 5 years. The projected head count does not show any significant change in numbers.

New Business & Communications:

- A) Living History Association- Economic Development, Self-guided tour- Discussion & Action:
Tabled
- B) Dufresne Billing- Discussion & Action:
Helyn feels that after meeting with a representative of Dufresne Engineering last week to discuss what the Town feels are design errors the Engineering company took no responsibility for them. Helyn suggested that payment should be held until the end of the project. Helyn made a motion to hold payment until the end of the project providing the contract allows, David seconded. So voted. Helyn will contact VLCT to review contract.

Hearing of Visitors:

Mitchell informed the board that the tank reader on Grinka Drive was struck by lightning in the recent storm. He is waiting for parts to repair, until it is repaired the meter will need to be manually read daily. Amber will call VLTC for insurance purposes.

A letter was given to Helyn by Robert Scott to be read at the meeting. In his letter Mr. Scott had concerns about the pipeline in front of his house. He complains of excessive noise and dust. Norman Wilber explained that the DPW is waiting to black top the repair until the sidewalk project is completed. He also explained that the Town crew has been trying to minimize any inconvenience with regular maintenance to keep the dust down and filling in any material lost due to rain and road use. Karen will respond with a letter.

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment:

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 7:52pm, Helyn seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
September 6, 2018