

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
October 23, 2019

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Jeremy Green, Carl Marchegiani, Larry Hopkins

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Raymond made a motion to add Minimum bid for tax sale- Discussion & Action to be added under Old Business, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 10/9/19

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting of 10/9/19 as written, Joseph second. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

None

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:.

None

DPW Report:

“The past three weeks we have replaced a 60-foot culvert just pass the Dente residence on Potter hill. I welded the plow and wing parts on the grader. Snow tires for trucks 2 and 5 were ordered. Hot patch was put down on School St., Bosley Hill, Bob Birch’s driveway and Jarvis Hill.

Mitchell and I met with watershed management. They gave us maps of all the storm drains in town and had some very expensive ideas for storm water quality, which will get stricter in the coming years.

Made room in the village garage for the Ventrac machine.

Phelps Road and Whitney Drive were graded.

East Main St and Phelps Rd were prepped for paving. Vt. Road works came to pave East Main and in front of the Fire House.

A day was spent on Wiley Mountain Road diverting water and reshaping the road.

Wheel baring in truck #3 was replaced.

We had a lot of branches and trees from the storm this pass Thursday. A bad culvert next to Jerry Linds’ camp on Howe Pond Road was replaced.

I attended a class on alcohol; and drug awareness in Peru Vt. on Tuesday and am now certified.

We put some blacktop on Bosley Hill to slow the bank washout, but it is going to need major work.

I got a list of things from VLCT that need to be done at both garages as well as the sewer plant. Snow tires are on trucks #2,4and 5. Apalachee Salt is going to supply our salt this year for \$70 per ton.”

Jeremy stated that he had spoken with Whittingham's DPW Superintendent and he recommended the Apalachee Salt company which is out of Albany. They are \$6/\$8 cheaper than American which we have used in the past. Karen will look int not only the Better roads Grant for Tunnel Street but also a Bank stabilization grant for Bosley Hill. Raymond asked Jeremy to get estimates for repairs needed per VLCT report. He also asked Jeremy to get some paving estimates together for

1. School Street (Mill & Fill) from Tunnel Street to Main 1 ½".
2. East Main Street- Main Street up to the Village Cemetery. Overlay
3. Bosley Hill- Lower half from Bosley residence down to Whittingham line. Shim and Top, doesn't need grinding.
4. Howe Pond Road- Branch Hill up to Lefleur's camp (TBD).

Raymond would like to have RFP's sent out soon to be scheduled for May/June. He would also like to have on the RFP's it stated that payment to the contractor would be with in 30 days. Jeremy feels that next year the Summer schedule of 4, 10-hour days should end in September but feels it worked well for the summer months.

A) Future Planning for Transfer Station- Discussion & Action (if needed):

Tabled

Old Business:

A) Zoning- Discussion & Action:

Tabled

B) Minimum Bid for Tax Sale- Discussion & Action

Raymond made a motion to have the Town enter the minimum bid at the upcoming tax sale for the following properties

1. Michael Cherrington ALPS010-004
2. Jeffery May DH0X00D
3. Dennis Tatro VBRA714

Joseph Second. So voted.

New Business & Communications:

A) Set date for Halloween- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to set Thursday October 31 from 6-8pm for Halloween, Joseph second. So voted.

B) Change to Winter Roads on 11/3/19- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to switch to Winter Roads on 11/3/19, David second. So voted.

C) FY21 Budget Process- Discussion & Action:

Tabled

The board would like to start streamlining the process. One suggestion is to have each department come up with there own operating cost with no more than a 3% increase as a starting point. The Cemetery Commission will have to be more careful and utilize their operation cost and not dip into their capital funds. Karen will get the information that her and Amber received at last years budget workshop together for the board.

D) Accept resignation of Library Trustee- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to accept the resignation of Charlene Candiloro as Library Trustee, David second. So voted.

E) 2019/2020 Winter Maintenance/ Sand Bids- Discussion & Action:

2 bids were received. 1 for each RFP sent out.

1. Raymond made a motion to accept the bid for 2019/2020 Winter Maintenance from Barkus Excavating in the amount of \$10,250. This includes plowing, sanding, loader work and winging for County Lane, Williams Drive and Rue Madeline, David second. So voted.

2. David made a motion to accept the bid for the 2019/2020 Sand from Eilers Brothers in the amount of \$18.50 per ton for washed sand with grits, Joseph second. So voted.

F) Sign Weaver Construction bills #13,14 and 15final- Discussion & Action:

To be signed with the check warrant under fiscal Matters

G) Sign Lease for Cell Tower at Fire House- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion the matter is tabled. Karen will contact Todd Rich to inquire how much the antenna will draw and to ask why they can not hook into the meter box independently.

Karen was also asked to reach out to Clay Purvis to have the old equipment associated with the solar panels removed.

H) Updating the expired Hazard Mitigation Plan- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to have WRC update the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the cost of \$2,537.50 (local match), Joseph second. So voted.

I) Revision of the Town Parking Ordinance- Discussion & Action:

Sidewalks have been removed on East Main Street. Parking ordinance will be updated to reflect this change prohibiting parking from the bottom of Glen Ave up the left side of East main Street to the top of Glen Ave. The ordinance will also be updated with street numbers replacing residents' names.

Hearing of Visitors:

Carl stated that the Fire Department had received a bill for paving. Raymond told him it was an error and would be taken care of. Carl also reported that the Fire Department had received a grant for air packs in the amount of \$90,400. He stated that the town would be responsible for \$4520 that would be coming out of the Grant Matching fund and was looking for permission to do so. The board agreed.

Larry made mention that for several weeks the Utility Offices days had been on the Agenda as well as Zoning and nothing had been done with either. He was told they were working on it.

Executive Session if needed: V.S.A. 313 (3) personnel

Raymond made a motion to enter executive session at 7:45pm, David second. So voted

Attendance: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard

Raymond made a motion to leave executive session at 8pm, Joseph second. So voted.

No decision was made at this time.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-

AP and Payroll were reviewed and signed.

Adjournment:

Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 8:25pm, Joseph second. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
October 24, 2019