

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
February 20, 2019

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom- Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Normajean Marchegiani, John Whitman, Craig Barkus, Larry Hopkins, Raymond Eilers, Carl Marchegiani, Mitchell Holland

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Helen made a motion to accept the agenda as written, Joseph seconded. So voted

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 2/13/19

Helyn made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting of 2/13/19 as written, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

None

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

Karen reported that the Town Reports as well as the School Reports were in the office and available for residents to pick up. She also reported that she spoke with the DPW Superintendent Norm Wilber about the mailbox complaints. He will be speaking to the road crew about this matter.

Old Business:

A) Mark Braman- Scrap- Discussion & Action

After speaking with the Water/Sewer Clerk as well as the Transfer Station attendant the Board feels that there would not be a benefit from switching from their current vendor.

New Business & Communications:

A) Signing of Municipal Roads Planning Report- Discussion & Action:

Helyn made a motion to sign the Municipal Roads Planning Report, Joseph seconded. So voted.

B) Jacksonville Easy Riders- Discussion & Action:

Carl Haverluck Jr. approached Joseph asking permission for club members to use Town roads starting from the power station thru to the center of town to access the General Store for gas. After much discussion Joseph made a motion to sign the VAST Landowner Permission Form as written for the Jacksonville Easy Riders, David seconded. So voted.

C) Liquor License- American Legion Post #29- Discussion & Action:

Helyn made a motion to sign the Liquor License for the American Legion Post #29, David seconded. So voted

D) Matching funds for the Rural Business Development Grant- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion Helyn made a motion to match funds for the Rural Business Development Grant not to exceed \$15,000 from the Grant Matching Fund, David seconded. So voted.

E) Signing of 2019 Certificate of Highway Mileage Form- Action:

Helyn made a motion to sign the 2019 Certificate of Highway Mileage Form, Joseph seconded. So voted.

F) Fire Department Furnace Repair- What fund to pay out of- Discussion & Action:

Carl stated that the Fire Department had an unexpected repair that was not included in their budget for \$740. He asked the board if it would be possible to pay the repair bill out of the Town Owned Building or Demolition Reserve Fund. David made a motion to pay the repair bill from the Town Owned Buildings or Demolition Reserve Fund, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Hearing of Visitors:

John Whitman had 3 separate issues to discuss:

- 1) There is a telephone line down on Bailey Hill. He stated that it had been down for several weeks and feels the Town should notify the Telephone Company
- 2) Park and Ride lot- He feels that the sign that states No Unattended Vehicles deters residents from utilizing the lot and should be painted over
- 3) Stemming from an incident where a motorist went off the road after meeting a town plow truck. The truck did not stop to aid the motorist. Mr. Whitman would like the towns Policy to be looked into and possibly changed to be more helpful to the stranded motorist.

Raymond stated that he feels after the policy of the mailboxes was changed the road crew no longer feels that they are held accountable for the destruction of the boxes. Mr. Whitman also feels they are being careless as several trees have been hit by the plow this year. Carl Marchegiani reminded him that the trees in question have been hit in the past and not just this year.

Executive Session if needed:

None

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-

AP and Payroll were signed

Adjournment:

Helyn made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, Joseph seconded. So voted

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
February 21, 2019