

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
February 27, 2019

Selectboard Present: Helyn Strom- Henriksen, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Normajean Marchegiani, Michael Cole, Mitchell Holland, Craig Barkus, Rhonda Smith, Omar Smith, Raymond Eilers

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Invoices for John Turner Consulting to be added under Fiscal Matters.

Helyn made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 2/20/19

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

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report- None

John Turner Consulting Invoices- The Town received invoices totaling \$25,825.20 this is an additional \$18,960.40 over the contracted price of \$56,166. The board will discuss the issue more during the signing of AP

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

David gave Karen a sheet of contacts for the Bennington County Forester.

Helyn stated due to the power outage crisis yesterday and the day before the Town has created an Emergency Questionnaire sheet that will be present for voting day on Tuesday. This questionnaire will begin an overhaul of our emergency plan. She also explained to the audience that it was not a state emergency and that is why the Red Cross was not involved, the Town took it upon themselves to open a warming station. Raymond suggested that the Town might want to look into some sort of ROBO call system for the future.

Old Business:

A) Jack Pines ATV Club- Update

Michael Cole came to report to the board that due to insurance costs the club would be VASA affiliated and not private as they originally hoped. This would mean that all VASA members statewide would be welcome to use the trails. Michael also stated that the VASA organization hires Game Wardens and Sheriffs to patrol the trails for violators. Raymond asked how that would affect the Town differently. Joseph explained the Town would still have control of their roads and Town owned trails. All trails that would be used would meet VASA specifications as far as width.

New Business & Communications:

None

Hearing of Visitors:

Raymond asked why there were duplicate articles for the Fire Department on this year's Town Warrant. David said because the Fire Department did not come to talk with the Selectboard before getting their petition together. Raymond also asked why the Selectboard took money out of funds that the Fire Department did not want them taken out of. He feels it is not up to the board to decide what fund items are paid out of.

Rhonda expressed concern for the sidewalk in front of the Listers office. She feels that the town should be taking better care of it before someone gets hurt. Karen said she will speak to Norman the DPW Superintendent again about this.

Executive Session if needed:

None

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills:

The board decided that they would not sign off on the John Turner Consulting invoices as submitted. They will only pay the remaining \$6,864.80 as contracted

B) Water/Sewer Rates- Work Session:

Tabled

C) Town Meeting Matters-Work Session:

Discussion of who would be speaking on each article for the Town Meeting.

Adjournment:

Helyn made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, Joseph seconded. So voted

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
February 27, 2019