

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
March 18, 2020

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Amber Holland

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Raymond made a motion to add Corona Virus Protocol and Selectmen's Pay discussion & action to New Business as well as an Executive Session to the agenda, Joseph second. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting of 3/4/2020:

Raymond made a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/4/20 Regular Meeting. David second. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report:

None

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

Raymond stated that VTrans came to look at the Turner Hill culvert site. They will be drawing up plans for the project for the Town. While here they also looked at the Tunnel Street culvert site.

Raymond has spoken with Omar Smith about the cell tower at the Fire House. Omar stated that the \$500 monthly payment was neglected to be activated and would be rectified immediately. He also stated that Verizon would be eventually added for roaming service to the tower. Omar has been asked to write a letter to possibly expedite the service.

Old Business:

A) Reappraisal of Town Owned Lots- Discussion & Action:

David made a motion to have the Town properties reappraised, Raymond second. So voted.

B) Paving for 2020- Discussion & Action:

Jeremy found the original paving plan for 2020, it had School Street, Goodnow Street and Railroad Alley scheduled for paving this upcoming season. After much discussion Raymond made a motion to pave upper Branch Hill Road, School Street, Goodnow Road and Railroad Alley for the 2020 paving season, David second, Joseph voted no. So voted.

C) ROBO call system- Discussion & Action:

After a brief discussion Raymond made a motion to establish a ROBO call system, Joseph second. So voted.

New Business & Communications:

A) Liquor License- Readsboro General Store- Discussion & Action:

David made a motion to sign the Readsboro General Stores 2nd Class Liquor License, Joseph second. So voted.

B) Driveway Culvert Replacement Request- Discussion & Action:

Select board received an inquiry of our policy to replace driveway culverts. After a discussion about the policy being on all driveway access permits vs those that don't have permits due to age of driveways, Matter was tabled so Karen can look into other towns policies for reference.

C) Request for Delinquent Tax abatement- Discussion & Action:

After a brief discussion and explanation of events from Town Clerk/ Treasurer Amber Holland, Raymond made a motion to process the request, David second. So voted.

D) Deerfield Valley CUD- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to formally request entry into the Deerfield Valley Communication Union District, Joseph second. So voted. Karen will write the letter requesting Readsboro be included into the Union.

E) Engagement letter for Love & Cody- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to sign the contract with Love & Cody to perform the 2018 and 2019 audit, Joseph second. So voted.

F) Delinquent Tax Collector Contract- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to reappoint Ted Hopkins as Delinquent Tax collector for 2 years, David second. So voted.

G) Selectmen's Pay- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to have the Selectmen's pay be paid quarterly, Joseph second. So voted.

H) Corona Virus Protocol- Discussion & Action:

Select board has left protocol up to the Town Clerks discretion. Door will be locked, and only essential personnel will be allowed in. A sign will be hung to encourage the use of our outside drop box and public access will be on an individual assessed basis.

Hearing of Visitors:

None

Executive Session if needed:

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

Attendance: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard, Karen Boisvert and Amber Holland.

Raymond made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:10pm, Joseph second. So voted.

Employee to be told to stay home until further notice.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-

AP and Payroll were reviewed and signed.

Adjournment:

Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 8:39pm, David second. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant

March 19, 2020