

Town of Readsboro  
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting  
The Readsboro Town Office  
April 10, 2019

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard  
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Normajean Marchegiani, Sue Bailey, Larry Hopkins, Helyn Strom-Henriksen, Forrest Hicks, Rhonda Smith, John Whitman, Chris Lynch

**Call to Order:**

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

**Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:**

Raymond made a motion to accept the agenda as written, David seconded. So voted.

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

**Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 4/3/19**

David made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting of 4/3/19 as written, Joseph seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters:**

Budget Status Report reviewed. Board would like to look into the water numbers.

**Selectboard Administrative Report:**

**A) Updates:**

Administrative Assistants report was read.

Raymond reported that the E Barn roof is damaged on the river side. He would like Norman to call Doxy roofing to look at it. Raymond also reported that Danny Birch approached him to ask for permission to use the little league ballfield. He also stated that the bandstand roof needs repair.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business & Communications:**

**A) Primitive Camps- Update from Zoning Administrator:**

Helyn stated that the definition of primitive camp per the bylaws was not allowed but referred one to the definition of camps. The definition under the bylaws for camps allows a single cabin, travel trailer/camper, motor home shelter for seasonal or temporary living not to exceed six months per year. It also referred to the Readsboro Ordinance regulating the use of public and private sanitary sewage systems. Article 9 of this ordinance stipulates that where a public sanitary sewer is not available to connect to a building the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal complying with the provisions of this ordinance and all regulations of the Vermont Department of Health and the Agency of Natural Resources. The Agency of Natural Resources is now allowing for compostable toilets. Sue stated that the Planning Commission has been talking of updating the language in the Bylaws. Normajean asked about the disposal as the Town does not accept it at the Transfer Station. She was told the owners would have to carry their waste out and dispose elsewhere. Larry stated that just because the State allows Primitive Camps with composting toilets that Readsboro does not have to due to our By-Laws being stricter and trumping State law. Sue feels an amendment needs to be included to the current By-Laws but this will take roughly 60-90 days with public hearings to be held. Raymond stated that no permits for Primitive Camps will be given until the By-Law is amended to allow them.

**B) Tax Map Updates- Discussion & Action:**

John Whitman explained that when the State hired a contractor to update the State site the contractor did not fix all of the incorrect parcels he was made aware of before submitting to the state resulting in 107 parcels out of 900 being wrong. These errors vary from having the wrong owners stated to incorrect acreage. Both John and Larry have been compiling information to submit to the state in the hope that they will correct the parcels.

**C) Transferring Monies to Various Accounts- Discussion & Action:**

After much discussion it was decided that the board would have a work session with the Treasurer to go over accounts. Work session date to be determined.

**D) Readsboro Inn Permission to Hold Outside Event- Discussion & Action:**

Request withdrawn by the owners of the Inn.

**E) FYI Nature Conservancy Study at Howe Pond- Discussion & Action:**

Researchers working on the Basin Plan will be working on a study up at Howe Pond.

**Hearing of Visitors:**

Chris Lynch from Matrix Design Group, a company that builds internet services introduced himself. He passed out contact information that has been forwarded to the BCC. Mr. Lynch stated that his company looks for small towns with slow or non-existing internet services and typically asks the towns to give right of way for poles and they pay the cost of the system. After 3 years the Town would have the option of purchasing the network.

**Executive Session if needed:**

None

**Fiscal Matters:**

**A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills:**

AP and Payroll were reviewed and signed.

**B) Work Session- Water/Sewer Rates:**

Board feels that they should wait until the end of the fiscal year to get a clearer picture of the needs of both departments. It was stated that the rates need to be visited yearly and before the board can review rates the ECU's need to be corrected. There was much discussion on how the departments comes up with their yearly budget.

**Adjournment:**

Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant  
April 11, 2019