

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
April 3, 2019

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Larry Hopkins, Rhonda Smith, Omar Smith, Norman Wilber, Forrest Hicks

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Executive Session 1 V.S.A. 313 (3) to be added. Raymond made a motion to accept the agenda as corrected, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of previous Executive Meeting of 3/26/19

David made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous Executive Meeting of 3/26/19 as written, Raymond seconded. So voted.

Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 3/27/19

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous regular Meeting of 3/27/19 as written, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report:

None

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

- Administrative Assistants report was read.
- David reported Sue Bailey received a permit for DRB review. She was asking if anyone had expressed interest in being on the DRB. Raymond made a motion to keep the DRB as it currently is until further notice, Joseph seconded. So voted.
- David also reported that there was a school board meeting being held this evening with discussion on the building and repairs needed.

Old Business:

New Business & Communications:

A) Emergency Management Director position- Discussion & Action:

David reported that Andrew Massari had expressed interest in the position. He would need to send a letter of interest to the Selectboard. Raymond made a motion to appoint the Selectboard as Emergency Management Director, Joseph seconded. So voted.

B) DPW- Class 2 Grant- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion the plan going forward for the summer is to do a light shim and overlay 1 ½” thick on School Street and down Tunnel Street. Discussion also about taking out the curbing from the bottom of Bridge # 32 to Wheeler Drive. Norman told the board that next summer the boiler tube on West Hill will be replaced. Norman was also asked about the culvert on tunnel Street by the Elderly Home. He stated the Town has 20 years to complete the project as long as ground is not broken.

C) Sidewalk Cleaning Machine- Discussion & Action:

Norman presented the board with a couple quotes for a tractor to clear sidewalks with. The cost would be roughly \$30,000.00 regardless of which brand they choose. He recommends going with the Ventrac machine as it has 30 separate available attachments. There was discussion about using a Vplow vs. a snow blower attachment. Norman was asked to check with surrounding towns to get a feel of what they use.

D) New DPW Superintendent Position-Discussion

Raymond announced that the position has been offered and accepted by Jeremy Green. Raymond made a motion to hire Jeremy Green for the DPW Superintendent Position at \$20 per hour with full benefits to start after 90 days, David seconded. So voted.

E) Signing of Tasted/Perroncel Access Permit- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to sign the Access Permit for Tasted/Perroncel on Howe Pond Road, Joseph seconded. So voted.

F) Removal of trees behind firehouse- Discussion & Action:

Omar stated that he is removing trees behind his garage on Tunnel Street and requests the trees behind the Fire House be removed as well. After much discussion the board decided

to let Omar remove the trees after the company provides a certificate of Liability Insurance to the Town. Karen will get them a letter giving them permission allowing them access on town property and to remove the trees. Omar will get an estimate of the cost to the Town. David made a motion to allow access and permission to cut trees on Town property behind the Fire House, Joseph seconded. Raymond chose to recuse. So voted.

Hearing of Visitors:

-Forrest Hicks asked if the DPW was planning on filling any cracks in the blacktop this summer. If the Town was he would like the Village Cemetery to be included. Norman will look into this.
- Omar stated that Consolidated Communications has started the fiber expansion project on North Hill. He also informed the board he has volunteered to take over the cell phone testing and mapping project.

Executive Session if needed:

1 V.S.A. 313 (1) A

Raymond made a motion to enter executive session at 7:35pm. Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard and Amber Holland. Amber left executive session at 7:50pm.

1 V.S.A. 313 (3)

Karen was asked to join the executive session at 7:55pm and left it at 8pm.

David made a motion to leave executive session at 8:15pm, Joseph seconded. So voted
Zoning salary set at \$1,800.00 per year. The clerk will help in a very limited capacity.

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 seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
April 4, 2019