

Town of Readsboro  
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting  
The Readsboro Town Office  
May 1, 2019

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

**Call to Order:**

Raymond called the meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Raymond made a motion to approve the agenda as written, Joseph seconded. So voted.

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

**Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 4/24/19**

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous Regular Meeting of 4/24/19 as written, David seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters:**

**Review of Budget Status Report:**

Budget Status Report was reviewed. Adjustments still need to be done. DPW budget is getting close to the maximum amount.

**Selectboard Administrative Report:**

**A) Updates:**

Administrative Assistants report was read.

**Old Business:**

**A) TAM estimate- Update:**

Raymond explained that there were a few houses that could go up for tax sale that are delinquent in taxes as well as water/sewer rates. The homes in question are at a point of disrepair and the Town is exploring the cost that would be involved in taking over the properties to tear down, dispose of debris and resell the lots. The information was meant for budgeting purposes.

**New Business & Communications:**

**A) UI Program- Discussion & Action:**

Amber received an estimate for Unemployment Insurance through VLCT for \$1,291 for a 6 month period. The Town has paid out \$3,000 for 2 employees already. A question of preexisting conditions came up and Larry stated that from his experience on the School Board he didn't think that the insurance would cover those that are already claiming. The issue was tabled until further information is available.

**B) Mileage Rate- Discussion & Action:**

Raymond stated that the States mileage rate is set at \$.58 and the town is only at \$.45. After a brief discussion Raymond made a motion to increase the Towns mileage rate to \$.58, Joseph seconded. So voted.

**C) Town Garage Plan-Next Steps- Discussion & Action:**

Raymond would like the Select Board to research hiring a Consulting Firm with an engineer for building and site cost estimate with the pros and cons of each site. He also feels the E Barn site should be considered and a site assessment should be done.

**D) Delinquent Water/Sewer Bills- Discussion & Action:**

Normajean explained the shut off process to the board as well as her methodology of the spreadsheet that she gives the board monthly. She explained that she gives a courtesy call to those that are on the list monthly before shut off. Normajean explained that she can only shut off after the customer is delinquent after 60 days. Raymond made a motion to have the Utility Clerk to take proper steps to shut off without phone calls, Joseph seconded. So voted. David also agreed as long as the Utility Clerk was following State Statute.

**E) DPW Report- Discussion & Action:**

**“The past two weeks we have continued to repair sink holes as the frost is still not completely out of the roads yet. We have also been cleaning culvert ends, cleaning/digging ditches. The tractor has been out numerous times dragging the roads and we are using the grader to lightly scrape as we can. We have been sweeping the streets also.”**

Norm also reported that Tunnel St will be cleaned up when the weather dries up a bit. Raymond and Norm had a discussion about questions from a contractor interested in putting in a bid for the gravel crushing. Norman estimates that there is maybe 300 yards left and the pit might need to be pumped as there is quite a pond there with all the rain. After much discussion about the Doxee quote for roof repairs Raymond made a motion to fix the roofs on the transfer station and Town Garage and to patch the E barn for the cost of \$ 4,053, Joseph seconded. So voted. Norman will call Doxee Roofing and make arrangements. Green up day is Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Karen will call Buzz to see if he could open at 11 to accommodate the volunteers.

**Hearing of Visitors:**

Omar reported that the State sent out RFP's in August of 2018 for companies to take over the Coverage Co. system and equipment, the system is old 2G technology of voice and text with no response leaving the State responsible by default. Omar spoke with them about the Fire House not being connected and they will come fix it. Omar stated there were at this point 2 options. 1) Emergency satellite (Hughesnet) for back up communications for email, no phone or 2. Using the old equipment from Coverage Co. cell coverage might be possible but would run approximately \$1,500 a month. Omar would like to investigate further as to which providers would work through option #2.

Omar also reported he had been in contact with Chris Lynch from Matrix. He has been invited to the next BCC meeting, that date is TBD. The company states that there would need to have 6 customers per linear mile to make the system feasible but 11 is their target.

**Executive Session if needed: 1 V.S.A. 313 (3)**

Raymond made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8pm, Joseph seconded. So voted. Present: Raymond, Joseph and Normajean. David asked Normajean if she would like him to accompany her and she stated yes.

David and Normajean came out of Executive Session at 8:15pm.

Raymond asked Karen to join the Executive Session at 8:15pm

Raymond made a motion to leave executive Session at 8:25pm, Joseph seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters:**

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

AP and Payroll was reviewed and signed.

**Adjournment:**

Raymond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37pm, David seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant  
May 2, 2019