

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
May 13, 2020 @6:30pm

Present: Karen Boisvert

VIA Zoom: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard, Amber Holland, Jeremy Green

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Item # C under Old Business is labeled incorrectly it should read Lot ALPS080.011

Raymond made a motion to accept the agenda as corrected, Joseph second. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of Previous Special Meeting of 4/30/2020:

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous Special Meeting as corrected, David second. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report:

Taxes have been coming in however Amber feels the September payment might not go as well. The State has delayed the setting of the School Tax Rate until July 15th which might not be in time to print the tax bills.

David would like a complete budget report for 5/22/20 to review before the next meeting on 5/27/2020.

It was asked when the next school payment would be due, Amber told the board that we had 20 days after taxes are due to make the quarterly payment so mid September.

Selectboard Administrative Report: Administrative Assistants report was read.

A) Updates:

David would like to start meeting in person either at the School if allowed or the Bullock Building or Fire House.

Old Business:

A) Closure of Sidewalk Grant- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion matter is Tabled to get accurate figures.

B) 2020 Paving- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to move forward with the proposal from All States Asphalt, Inc. for \$138,394.00 for 2020 paving, David second. So voted.

C) Offer to gift Town with Lot ALPS080.011- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion David made a motion to accept the gift of ALPS080.011 only if back taxes are paid in full first, Joseph second. So voted.

D) EBarn- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion matter is tabled to investigate cost of demo vs. benefit of selling.

E) Road Reclassification- Discussion & Action:

A list of roads will be compiled for consideration of reclassification for a later time.

New Business & Communications:

A) Pedestrian & Bike Grant- Discussion & Action:

Joseph had thought due to the grant deadline delay it might be an opportunity to have the swinging bridge replaced however, it is on private property.

B) Policy for selling Town Owned Lots- Discussion & Action:

Amber has been consulting with the Towns attorney and Alpenwald lots are no different than any other lot owned by the Town. They all need to be posted for 30 days to accept bids on the property before selling them. This is by State Statute Title 24 Chapter 1061.

C) VTEL pole proposal for Grinka Farm Lot- Discussion & Action:

VTEL would like to replace a pole on Grinka Farm Drive on property owned by the Town thru Green Mountain Power to provide wireless internet to some of Readsboro. This may lead to an opportunity for AT&T cell coverage in the future as well. The current pole has an antenna on it that is used by the Sewer Department for a wireless tank reader and would need to be relocated to the new pole if approved. Proposal will be sent to Bob Fisher for review.

D) Road Access Permit-ATV Bailey Hill Road- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to approve the Road Access permit submitted by The Jack Pines Pirates for Bailey Hill and grants Karen permission to sign it on their behalf, David second, Joseph recused himself. So voted.

E) Dog Officers Report- Discussion & Action:

Melanie Matte submitted her report of the dog incident on East Main St. The Selectboard feels the report is thorough and they agree with her decision on the matter. Dog Officers ruling will stand.

Hearing of Visitors:

None

Executive Session if needed:

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Raymond made a motion to cancel the Executive Session, David seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-

AP and Payroll were reviewed and signed.

Adjournment:

Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm, David second. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
May 14, 2020