

Town of Readsboro  
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting  
The Readsboro Town Office  
May 15, 2019

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard  
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Norman Wilber, Carl Marchegiani, Michael Cole, Larry Hopkins, Brian Marchegiani

**Call to Order:**

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 5/8/19

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting of 5/8/19, Joseph seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters:**

**Review of Budget Status Report:**

None, Selectboard would like to have one for next week to check status of monies transferred.

**Selectboard Administrative Report:**

**A) Updates: None**

**Old Business:**

**A) Blight Ordinance- Discussion & Action:**

Karen will make corrections and send to Bob Fisher for review and inquire having wording for police to be added for eviction purposes.

**B) Junk Officer- Update**

Tabled- No show by John Kelly. Karen will call again to reschedule.

**C) Gates at Transfer Station- Discussion & Action:**

Raymond expressed concern with reports of the gate being left open while attendant is not present. Letters were sent to both attendants stating that the gate is not to be left open while they are not in attendance with no exceptions. Cameras will be installed in the near future.

**New Business & Communications:**

**A) Driveway Access Permit- Discussion & Action:**

After a brief discussion with DPW Superintendent Norm Wilber Raymond made a motion to approve the Access Permit for Ralph Gilbertie located off of Case Lane on Town Trail 3, Joseph seconded. So voted.

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

Norman reported that the last two weeks have been focused on continuing to repair some soft spots in the roads but I think we are finally out of mud season. We have been digging ditches and swails and culvert ends, hauling some gravel/stone and grading roads as we can. The Town sweeping is pretty much complete and all the bridges have been cleaned.

Norman also included a letter from VTrans awarding the Town with the Turner Hill grant for the amount of \$175,000.00

Raymond asked Norman if he had budgeted any money for outside equipment. Norman replied he had. Raymond feels that renting an excavator with wheels would be a better option to dig ditches than using the towns backhoe. Norman will research cost.

The No Parking on Main Street needs to be addressed. Norman agreed with Raymond that a yellow curb would not be sufficient and stripes would need to be painted. The board also suggested the possibility of painting designated parking spots in front of the Readsboro Inn. DPW to follow State Specifications. There was also discussion on marking the fire hydrant as well as people are also blocking the hydrant.

Norman was asked to look into the Class IV roads and start working on maintenance.

**C) Crushing Bids- Discussion & Action:**

The town received on bid for gravel crushing from Bazin Brothers Trucking, Inc. Their bid was for 10,000 cubic yards of 1 inch minus and 2,000 cubic yards of 1.25 inch stone for the price of \$5.10 per cubic yard. This includes using a jaw crusher, cone crusher, screening plant, excavator and loader to stockpiles. Crushing to be done in a closed circuit. The work is to be started July 8<sup>th</sup> and finished July 19, 2019. The town could deduct .25 per cubic yard if a loader and operator were provided reducing the cost to \$4.85 per cubic yard.

Norman will inquire about small medal material removal.

Raymond made a motion to accept the bid from Bazin Brothers Trucking, Inc. for gravel crushing for the \$5.10 per cubic yard price, David seconded. So voted.

**D) Summer Paving- Discussion & Action:**

After a brief discussion summer paving will be focused on paving School Street from the entrance all the way around to Route 100. If there is money left a shim coat overlay to be laid down on Branch Hill from Howe Pond Road up the hill to the end of existing black top.

**E) Street Light by Carl Marchegiani- Discussion & Action:**

Norman was contacted by Green Mountain Power about the street light located at the residence of Carl Marchegiani. He was told that the light was inoperable and not being billed to the municipality and they would like to remove it. Carl stated he would like to have it remain as he feels it is a safety issue with the new parking area for the Catamount Trail and that the light is in fact still working. Raymond feels that it should stay because of the sewer station and to also add another at the last pump station on Tunnel Street located by 557 Tunnel Street.

Raymond made a motion to install/ update new LED Street Lights on Route 100 at the Marchegiani residence and Tunnel Street at the last pump station located by 557 Tunnel Street, Joseph seconded it. So voted.

**F) Jack Pines Pirates- Town Trail I and Access Permits- Discussion & Action:**

The Jack Pines Pirates ATV group asked permission for more roads to be added to get into the village. Roads being requested are Howe Pond Road to Goldmine Road down Ross Road to a trail above Don Jones to Branch Hill and to Main Street/ Route 100 as well as Town Highway #17. David remarked that he would prefer the ATV club use the same route as snowmobiles to get from Branch Hill to the Inn which is down through Railroad Alley to avoid Main Street/ Route 100. The club showed examples of signs that will be used. After much discussion the issue was tabled so that the legalities of

amending an ordinance could be looked into. Karen will also look into the legalities of putting barriers' at trail heads.

The Jack Pines Pirates have been working with Norman on revising the Access Permit to include recreational vehicles with a fee schedule of \$35.00.

Raymond made a motion to amend the Access Permit for trail access with a fee of \$35.00, David seconded. So voted.

**G) Water Rates Workshop in Rutland- Discussion & Action:**

**Hearing of Visitors:**

None

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

Raymond made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8pm, David seconded. So voted  
Attendance: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard, Karen Boisvert and Amber Holland (not present at Selectboard Meeting)

Raymond made a motion to leave Executive Session at 8:30pm, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Raymond made a motion to contact Bob Fisher to send letter to JTC stating the amount of outstanding invoices of \$25,825.20 will be paid to complete the project. No additional funding will be available for approval, Joseph seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters:**

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

AP and payroll were reviewed before signing.

**Adjournment:**

Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm, David seconded. So voted

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant

May 16, 2019