

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
May 22, 2019

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Linda Donahue, Bart Howes, Larry Hopkins, Mike Cole, Normajean Marchegiani, James Dassatti, Brian Marchegiani

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Minutes of the previous Special meeting of 5/20/19 to be added.

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

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 5/15/19

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous regular Meeting of 5/15/19 as written, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Minutes of the previous Special Meeting of 5/20/19

David made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous Special meeting of 5/20/19, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report:

After much discussion there are some errors in the report to be corrected. Board questioned the Grant Matching Fund balance and the Water Checking line amount.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

Updates:

Administrative Assistants report was read.

David stated he feels in regards to the paving RFP that is being prepared to send out for bid that the dates need to be moved up earlier than early September that is being proposed by the DPW Superintendent due to completing the sidewalk project. This matter will be put on next week's agenda for discussion.

Old Business:

A) Unemployment Insurance- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion Raymond made a motion to purchase unemployment insurance. There was not a second. Motion failed. This issue is tabled until more information is obtained.

B) Update on Delinquent Water/Sewer accounts- Discussion & Action:

Normajean presented the board with an updated list of delinquent accounts. Raymond asked if the shut off list is automatically generated. Normajean told him yes. She manually enters the dates and the computer generates the list with all delinquent amounts. Raymond asked her why she sends out notices if they are not to be shut off. She stated that she does not shut off the accounts that are only one month behind. Raymond asked if the parameters could be adjusted and Normajean stated she would look into it.

C) Reappraisal- Update:

The cloud is not working correctly. Employees working in NEMRC are being kicked out of the program without notice and work done is not being saved when this happens. Larry added that Scott from NEMRC is aware of the issue and is trying to come up with a solution.

D) Vacant Town Appointments- Update- Discussion & Action:

There was much discussion on how to fill the many open positions available with the Town specifically the DRB. Karen will send out a letter to all Readsboro residents with a list of all open positions in the hopes some of them can be filled.

New Business & Communications:

A) Amendment to the ATV Ordinance- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion Raymond made a motion to amend the ATV Ordinance to read “**Section 3: Designated Highways open to ATV use under this Ordinance:** All specified Right of Ways within Town limits of Readsboro, Vermont.

The Selectboard will have the authority to add/subtract specified Town Right of Ways open to ATV use providing it is a duly warned at a Regular Selectboard meeting.” David seconded. So voted.

A letter from GMNF was read as was Town Attorney Bob Fishers response. Larry asked if GMNF had gone through the proper legal procedure to protest the Ordinance. He was told no they had not.

The Jack Pines Pirates presented a VASA Landowners Permission Form for the board to sign. The issue was tabled.

B) Acquisition of Abandoned Property- Discussion & Action:

The town is looking into acquiring 3 properties that have been abandoned. Karen is to look into what is required to take over the properties ie: tax sale vs any other process.

C) C) Summer Help- Discussion & Action:

Tabled until next week to discuss with DPW Superintendent

Hearing of Visitors:

Larry asked the board what the new DPW 4-10 hour days schedule was. He was told 6-4:30pm.

James Dassatti updated the board on the driving tour. He stated that sites were still to be determined and marked. He will update the board as more information becomes available.

Raymond asked him what the Towns \$3,000 was being used for. James stated it covered 1 year of the 2.5 year project. Each Kiosk costs between \$1,300- \$1,500 each and they planned on putting in 5.

Executive Session if needed:

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

Raymond made a motion to enter into executive session at 8pm, Joseph seconded. So voted Attendance; Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard, Karen Boisvert

Raymond made a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:25pm, Joseph seconded. So voted. Contract with the Towns offer for John Turner Consulting was signed for the completion of the sidewalk project.

1 V.S.A. (313) (3)

Raymond made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:26pm, Joseph seconded. So voted. Attendance; Raymond Eilers, Joseph Berard, Normajean Marchegiani and David Marchegiani Chair Raymond Eilers asked David Marchegiani to remove himself from the Executive Session as his presence is a direct violation of the Town Conflict of Interest. David refused

Joseph made a motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:40pm, Raymond seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-

AP and Payroll was reviewed and signed.

Adjournment:

Joseph made a motion to adjourn at 9:05pm, David seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
May 23, 2019