

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
May 27, 2020

Present: Karen Boisvert

VIA Zoom: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard, Amber Holland, Mitchell Holland, Jeremy Green, Bill Zboray, Gig Zboray, Mark Braman, Cyndi Candiloro, Helyn Strom-Henriksen

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Raymond made a motion to accept the agenda as written, David second. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting of 5/13/2020

David made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous Regular Meeting of 5/13/2020 as written, Joseph second. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report:

Budget status was reviewed, no issues. Selectmen are still concerned about the September Taxes. They feel that departments can move ahead with planned projects but will ask them all to continue to be conservative after July 1, 2020 as we start the next fiscal year.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

Raymond reported that John Dupras will be drawing up the site plan and applying for necessary permits for the new Town Garage. Estimate is between \$16,000-\$20,000.

B) DPW:

- Raymond asked Jeremy if he had a timeline for paving, Jeremy told him September.
- Raymond mentioned he would like the sand on the roads to be swept and the holes on School Street patched.
- Raymond had received a complaint of excessive dust from the dirt portion on Branch Hill. He and Jeremy discussed liquid Chloride. Jeremy has been waiting until July 1st to purchase for budget reasons.
- Summer Help will be posted
- With the new Selectboard Meeting Schedule DPW will be added to the first meeting of the month for a report.

Old Business:

A) Current Zoning and Junk Violations- Discussion & Action:

- 1.) Walden on West Hill- Helyn has been in contact with John Kelly, camper has been moved into woods where it is not visible from the road. There still is no water or sewer at property which is a violation because primitive camps are not allowed in town. Helyn would like to have a Selectboard member go and look at the site with her.

- 2.) Listers Request- Listers have asked for an update on past violations. Karen will ask for specific locations
- 3.) Heartwellville Service Station-The Town has concerns with the number of cars at the property and feels they are in violation of their permit. Cyndi stated that due to COVID-19 there are more cars crushed and stacked than usual and would be removed as soon as the restrictions were lowered so that they could cross state lines and that Apkins in North Adams was only open a limited amount of time. Ray raised the concern that there were more issues than just the stacked cars. Mark stated that the yard would be cleaned up as soon as the restrictions were lifted. Raymond would like to revisit the subject in a months' time to check their progress. Helyn had to leave the meeting to attend a School Board Meeting.

B) 91 School Street- Discussion & Action:

The Towns Attorney is still trying to locate the legal owner of the property. It is going to be a long process even with an Ordinance in place. The Town is going to have to serve papers in Texas as this is the last known owner of the property. We received a quote of \$38,000 from R.L. Ruprecht to remove the building once we are legally allowed to.

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

VTEL will be contacting Green Mountain Power to discuss the pole and electricity. Bill and Gig Zboray voiced concern for the project. The Towns right of way runs through their property. They feel only the water tank is allowed on the Towns property and that the Town is not getting enough money in return for the use of the property by VTEL. They asked to be notified of any future discussions on the project. They also will be contacting their lawyer for review of the right of way agreement.

D) Closure of the Sidewalk Grant- Discussion & Action:

David made a motion to transfer \$121,125 from the Grant Matching Fund to the Sidewalk Project, Raymond second. So voted.

E) EBarn- Discussion & Action:

The roof needs repair again. Jeremy will contact Tommy Deblois to ask if he can cut off the loose debris and strap it just to secure it. If Tommy can not do the repair Jeremy will contact Doxey Roofing to ask for the same repair. Karen will contact White Wolf Auctioneers to ask if they are interested in the items being stored in the barn.

Buzz Wheeler has asked permission to enter the barn to retrieve a couple items.

Permission was granted for him to do so this one time, Jeremy will escort him to retrieve his items.

Joseph asked Amber if she has been able to trace the chain of ownership. She has not been able to find a deed with a specific description. She explained that if we can not prove we have owned the property for 40 years the next person to own the property would have to retain ownership for 40 years before they could sell and have a clean marketable title.

R.L. Ruprecht gave an estimate of \$64,500 to remove the building, this was for only the building and not the contents within.

New Business & Communications:

A) Procedure to sell Town owned Lots- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to follow State Statute 24 V.S.A. 1061 (a)(1) in selling all Town Owned Lots, Joseph second. So voted.

B) Signing of the Lagoon Clean Out Contract- Discussion & Action:

After Much Discussion Raymond made a motion to sign the contract with P & H Senesac, Inc. to clean out the lagoons at the sewer plant at a minimum cost of \$104,600, Joseph second. So voted

C) West Oil Pre Buy contract for 2020-2021 Season- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to sign the Pre Buy contract with West Oil for the 2020-2021 season at the cost of \$3,330.83, David second. So voted.

Hearing of Visitors:

None

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

Raymond made a motion to enter executive session at 8:42pm, David second. So voted

Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard, Karen Boisvert, Amber Holland, Mitchell Holland.

Raymond made a motion to end executive session at 8:56pm, Joseph second. So voted.

No decision made.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-

AP and Payroll were reviewed and signed.

Adjournment:

Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 8:57pm, Joseph second. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
May 28, 2020