

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
May 29, 2019

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

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

-Rural Community Development Initiative Grant Opportunity to be added to New Business
- Executive Session for 1 V.S.A. 313 (3) employee matter

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

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 5/22/19

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous Regular Meeting of 5/22/19 as written, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report:

Raymond noted that there was only \$712 left in the Highway Budget and asked Norman why that was. He replied that \$15,000 was taken out this week for gravel.

David wanted to know if the FY18 money had been taken out yet and does it need to be done before July 1, 2019. Karen will ask the Treasurer. The board also had questions concerning the FICA line in Selectmen's General Fund, Professional Services and Sewer Sinking Fund lines.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates: No report

Post cards are to be printed up tomorrow for mailing for the open positions in town.

Karen asked the board if they wanted a price on postage before they are sent, she was told to just go ahead and send them.

Old Business:

A) Summer Help- Discussion & Action:

After a brief discussion with Norman Wilber Raymond made a motion to post the Summer Help Position to start after July 1, 2019, Joseph seconded. So voted.

B) VASA Landowner Permission Form- Discussion & Action:

Joseph contacted VLCT and stated he had no reply. Karen asked him to forward an email he received that spoke directly to State Statutes for her to review. Access permits are being altered to include ATV use and a separate fee. Permission form was tabled.

C) Unemployment Insurance- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion Raymond made a motion to not purchase Unemployment Insurance from VLCT, David seconded. So voted.

New Business & Communications:

A) DPW Report- Discussion & Action:

“The past two weeks we have been grading/ raking/ rolling roads, digging ditches and culvert ends. We did some weed whacking/ mowing/ cleanup for the observation of Memorial Day. All equipment is operational as we head towards the summer construction season.

I contacted 3 equipment rental establishments that have wheeled excavators the size that would be sufficient.

Tyler Eq: \$4,725 month \$135 hr trucking

Tri County: \$4,000 month \$100 hr trucking

Admar Supply: \$5,200 month \$225 delivery one way “

David asked Norman if all 3 pieces of equipment were the same size and he responded yes. Norman stated that a track excavator would be roughly the same amount but feels its more stable than wheeled. He would be looking to rent the machine for the month of August. Joseph asked how much it would cost if they went up to a 120 machine. Norman stated it would be approximately another \$1,000. The highway department has \$6,000 in the budget for outside equipment.

Norman also gave the board a breakdown by month for the summer on the project plans.

B) Paving Time Line- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion with DPW Superintendent Norman Wilber, the board decided not to hold up the completion of the Sidewalk Project due to paving. Crosswalks if necessary would be repainted before the end of the construction season. Paving bids will be sent out and due back for June 18, 2019. The new DPW Superintendent Jeremy Green will be asked to attend Regular Selectboard meetings starting in July.

C) Rural Community Development Initiative Grant Opportunity:

Karen received an email from Omar Smith concerning an opportunity to be included in a Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) grant from the USDA. Valley Net is writing the grant and has assured us there would be no financial commitment required by the Town. They only require the Town to sign a letter of support, provide a copy of the Town Charter, Sign the RD Form 400-4 and provide a contact person’s name, email and phone number.

After much discussion Raymond made a motion to sign the required documents for Valley Net to include the Town in the RCDI application, Joseph seconded it. So voted.

Hearing of Visitors:

Larry made a statement about how the Conflict of Interest Policy was not being adhered to by the same people that implemented it in the first place. Raymond told Larry that they had been advised by the Towns Attorney that there was not anything that could prevent a person from attending an Executive Session and that the remaining Select Board members could only advise the person in question to recuse themselves and make it known publicly that they were asked to do so but refused. Larry feels that the board members that are violating the policy should show some integrity and not attend.

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

Raymond made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:36pm, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Attendance: Raymond Eilers, Joseph Berard, Karen Boisvert. David recused himself.

Raymond made a motion to leave Executive Session at 7:50pm, Joseph Seconded. So voted.

Raymond made a motion to hand deliver a letter to the Utility Clerk from the Towns Attorney Fisher & Fisher, Joseph 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 8:15pm, Joseph seconded. So voted

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant

May 30, 2019