

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
June 10, 2020

Present: Karen Boisvert

Present via Zoom: Amber Holland, Raymond Eilers, Joseph Berard, David Marchegiani, Mitchell Holland, Ted Hopkins

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

OLD BUISNESS- Sewer Clean Out Update

NEW BUISNESS- VLCT Resolution Request

Raymond made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Joseph second.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting of 5/27/2020

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting of 5/27/2020 as corrected, David second.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report: None. Selectboard requested a summary sheet as well as a budget status report before the next meeting on 6/24/2020.

Upcoming Taxes-Update:

Amber updated the board on a webinar with the State, NEMRC and Clerks/Treasurers. The earliest the State will have the School rate is 8/15/2020. Option are wait and push back the due date or send out 2 separate bills one with the municipal taxes and the other with the school taxes.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates: Phil Zipkin has paid the back taxes on the Alpenwald property as requested by the board. Amber is waiting for the check to clear before accepting the lot as a gift to the Town. John Kelly has turned in all his Health/Junk Officers paperwork.

B) Selectboard Updates

1. David spoke with Richard Codogni and Carl Marchegiani about the EBarn. They said the EBarn was transferred thru Shea Realty to Readsboro Electric. Ted thought David Robertson was somehow involved with the Village of Readsboro. Amber has seen both documents and has forwarded both to the Towns attorney and there is not enough information to structure a deed as she has previously reported to the board.
2. David spoke with Chris Parker about removing the timbers in the EBarn. He also stated that Craig Barkus knew of a couple people who also do that sort of work. Raymond reiterated that the Town does not want this to be a long drawn out process and if someone were to come in and salvage material, they would be responsible for all liability afterwards.
3. Raymond gave a DPW report for Jeremy who is on vacation-
-The road crew has been using up the chloride that they have and will be purchasing more at \$.92 per gallon after 7/1/2020

- Truck #3 was at Delureys, Delureys is taking care of the repairs and bill.
- Truck #2 is now at Delureys with a light on. Problem is unknown currently.

Old Business:

A) Delinquent Tax Collector Updated Policy- Discussion & Action:

Ted updated the collection policy due to the 4 quarterly payment system the Town has implemented. He has sent the updated policy to the Town's Attorney for review. Bob Fisher looked thru it and made changes where necessary. Raymond made a motion to approve the changes to the Delinquent Tax Collectors Policy, Joseph second. Ted left the meeting at 7:15pm.

B) VTel Agreement-Update:

Raymond spoke with Gordon Mitchell and told him that we have not heard back from the Town Attorney yet.

Matter tabled until we hear back from the Town's Attorney.

C) C) Sewer Clean Out Update- Discussion & Action:

Mitchell updated the Selectboard that he had tested positive for E coli at the sewer plant. He notified the inspector and filed the necessary reports and the problem has been corrected.

Mitchell presented the board with a quote from Aeration Works to go with a floating system. He feels we could do the work in house and parts would run roughly \$12,000-\$15,000. With the floating system the Lagoons would not need to be drained again in the future to remove the sludge.

Raymond made a motion to move forward with the project installing the floating system, Joseph second.

Mitchell also stated that because of the clean out he was accruing overtime and asked if the board would like to pay the overtime or have him bank comp time. He is at his maximum comp time already per our Employee Policy. After much discussion David made a motion to override the policy and allow additional comp time up to 40 hours thru the sewer projects completion, Raymond second.

Mitchell also informed the board that Tyler has been taking Zoom classes in preparation for his upcoming water test.

New Business & Communications:

A) New Town Garage-Dupras Agreement- Discussion & Action:

After a brief discussion Raymond made a motion to sign the agreement with Trinity Engineering for civil work for the new town garage for an estimated \$16,000-\$20,000, Joseph second.

B) Excavator Rental- Discussion & Action:

After a brief discussion Raymond made a motion to rent an excavator for 2 months, Joseph second.

C) York Rake- Discussion & Action:

After a brief discussion David made a motion to purchase a York Rake for \$7,435 plus shipping fees, Raymond second.

Both old rakes are to be sold by bid.

D) Bulk Pricing for Off Road Diesel- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion Raymond made a motion to sign an agreement with West Oil for \$1.7583 per gallon for off road diesel for the 2020-2021 season by terms and conditions

set forth by the Selectboard, David second. Karen will make sure the fuel is cut 50/50 after November 1.

E) Health Officer Position- Discussion & Action:

Raymond has been appointed as the Health Officer by default as the Chair of the Selectboard by the State. Karen will post both the Health Officer and Junk Officer positions.

F) Policy and Procedure to remove a water account- Discussion & Action:

John Laflamme has requested his second property on Grinka Farm Drive have its water meter removed. Karen was asked to forward the Water Policy to the board for review. The board denied the request for the time being.

G) VLCT Resolution Request- Discussion & Action:

The Town received a request from VLCT to sign a resolution stating "All cities, towns and villages in Vermont are essential, and Vermont local officials support fair and direct federal emergency aid to reopen and rebuild local American economies"

Raymond made a motion to sign the resolution presented by VLCT, David second.

Hearing of Visitors:

None

Executive Session if needed:

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Raymond made a motion to enter in Executive Session at 8:20pm, Joseph second.

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

Raymond made a motion to leave Executive Session at 8:50pm, David second.

No decision currently.

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-

Water Bond and Matrix bills were questioned and answered to the board's satisfaction.

Adjournment:

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant

June 11, 2020