

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
June 24, 2020

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Jeremy Green, Amber Holland, Joseph Pizza, Harold Hansen, Michael Cole, Helyn Strom-Henriksen (via phone), Kim Thayer, Sue Bailey

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Transfer funds under fiscal matters.

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

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting of 6/10/2020:

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

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report:

David questioned why some Town Officials have not been paid. Amber told him because they have not submitted a time sheet which is necessary for payroll. David also mentioned that the lines for electricity, fuel and machinery fund for highway were over budget for the year.

Transfer of Appropriated Funds:

David made a motion to transfer \$30,000 of appropriated funds into the Grant Matching Fund, Raymond second.

Raymond made a motion to transfer \$50,000 of appropriated funds into the Fire Equipment Repair and Replacement Fund, Joseph second.

David made a motion to transfer \$100,000 of appropriated funds into the Town Owned Building or Demolition Reserve Fund, Joseph second.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

Administrative Assistants Report was read

A) Updates from the Selectboard:

The Selectboard would like an update on the Bridge 25 project.

B) DPW Report:

The DPW report was read.

The stop sign that was requested at the end of Daubney Drive has been installed. The transfer station hours sign has been relocated to the other side of the gate for easier viewing of patrons. Due to the lack of summer help this year Bob has stated he would do the weed whacking at the transfer station. Amber asked what line he should be paid out of for that. She was told if we do not get any applicants for the summer position and Bob does end up doing the maintenance his hours should come out of the summer help line. Jeremy informed the board he has rented an excavator and it would be here the 2nd week of July. Branch Hill will be the priority with the excavator to prepare the road for paving.

Kim Thayer brought more debris in that he has collected to show the board from West Hill Drive, Howe Pond Rd, Ross Road and Goldmine Road. He stated he has had more flat tires as well as his mother and son. He is unhappy with the Towns insurance company and refuses to sign off on their paperwork and wants compensation directly from the Town.

Old Business:

A) Zoning- Discussion

1. Primitive Camps:

The Planning Commission has changed the language for primitive camps to align with the State Regulations. They will be holding the necessary public hearing within a few weeks' time. Sue Bailey stated that the Planning Commission would also like to change the zoning application to simplify it and make it more user friendly. They also will be reviewing the Bylaws to clean them up and make them easier to interpret.

2. Certificates of Occupancy:

There was a brief discussion on if this was a separate issue than the Certificate of Compliance.

3. Certificates of Compliance:

Raymond stated it is in the handbook and needed to be done.

4. Site Plans of current and proposed:

All permits need to have a sight plan included with no exceptions.

B) Site location for new town garage- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion Raymond made a motion to proceed with site #2 from the map provided by Trinity Engineering, Joseph second. Raymond pointed out some things to keep in mind

1. The road from the new garage to the sewer plant should be blacktopped.
2. Harriman Station Road will need work including guard rails.
3. Hydrant should be installed.

The Selectboard will meet with Trinity Engineering again to fine tune ideas and concerns.

C) VTel Agreement- Discussion & Action:

After a brief discussion Raymond made a motion to move forward with the VTel agreement, Joseph second. The board would like Karen to send the lease to Bob Fisher for review and to have Mr. Fisher contact VTel lawyers to finalize an agreement. The board would like to have a meter installed at the power pole for the towns use as part of the agreement.

D) Special Town Meeting- Discussion & Action:

After a brief discussion Raymond made a motion to move forward with the informational meeting and voting to possibly dissolve the Southern Valley Unified Union School District, Joseph second. Informational meeting will be held at 7pm on August 3,2020 and voting on August 11,2020.

New Business & Communications:

A) Jack Pines ATV Club- Updates and work on Class 4 roads and Legal Trails:

The club came to ask permission to do culvert work on TH17 and to do some brush cutting on the trail from Smith Road to West Hill.

Both Raymond and David had no issue with them doing so. Joseph recused himself.

Hearing of Visitors:

Harold Hansen complained that when the culvert was replaced by his house it caused his property to become wet. He asked to have the culvert redirected so it did not flood his yard. Jeremy will meet with him to fix the problem.

Executive Session if needed:

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-

AP and Payroll were sent electronically

Adjournment:

Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, Joseph second.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
June 25, 2020