

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
July 22, 2020

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Jeremy Green, Rhonda Smith, Omar Smith

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Minutes from Previous Special Meeting of 7/14/2020 to be added under Reading & Approval of Records. Raymond made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, David second.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting of 7/8/2020

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous Regular Meeting of 7/8/2020 as corrected, Joseph second.

Minutes of Previous Special Meeting of 7/14/2020

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous Special meeting from 7/14/2020 as written, Joseph second.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report:

Report was reviewed. Selectboard will watch the road material fund. Money will need to be transferred for summer projects.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) **Updates:** Administrative Assistants report was read.

B) **Selectboard Updates:**

1. Raymond received a letter from a resident of Rue Madeline requesting the Town maintain their portion of the road. Karen sent them a letter in response stating after .9 miles it is no longer a road and that it is considered a private drive.
2. David spoke with Chrissy from Dufresne Group. They are 90% done with the plans. A draft will be sent to the Town later this week with a cost estimate. She feels the final plan from the State will be out the end of August.

C) **DPW Report:**

Jeremy reported that the town crew has been busy ditching on Branch Hill and West Hill. The Summer Help has been working with the Town Crew along with weed whacking. Tyler will be working with him next week to weed whack the guardrail and hydrant areas. Jeremy stated he will be needing 5/6 more culvert replaced.

Ray asked Jeremy to think about what to do with topsoil in the pit. Forrest would like the Town Crew to do some work at the cemetery, Jeremy just does not have the extra time or personnel at the time.

Raymond would like to have John Dupras run a grade line at the pit for the new garage.

Old Business:

A) **Bulletin Boards- Discussion & Action:**

Raymond made a motion to purchase 2 display cases for official postings, one for the Post Office and the another for the School, David second. To be paid out of Selectmens Special Projects.

B) **91 School Street- Discussion & Action:**

Letters have been mailed out Certified by the Towns Attorney. He feels that our Dangerous and Vacant Building and Property Ordinance may be the better route to pursue. He will look closer at the ordinance and make recommendations.

C) **EBarn- Discussion:**

After much discussion David asked Joseph to make a list of requirements to add to a potential posting for selling the property.

D) **Sale of York Rake- Discussion & Action:**

Karen will get an ad ready for putting both used rakes up for sale.

New Business & Communications:

A) **Set FY2021 Tax Rate and accept the School Rate- Discussion & Action:**

Raymond made a motion to set the municipal tax rate at \$0.9053 and the Local rate at \$0.0109, David second.

Raymond made a motion to accept the school tax rate at \$1.3906 for Residential and \$1.5071 for Non Residential, David second.

B) Update Parking Ordinance- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to update the Parking Ordinance with 1.15 “No person shall park an inoperable vehicle longer than overnight on any portion of a Town maintained street”, Joseph second.

C) 2020-2021 Sheriff’s Contract- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion, the Selectboard would like a representative of the Sheriffs Department to attend a meeting to discuss coverage.

D) Temporary Employee Policy Amendum, COVID 19 Leave of Absence- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion, the matter is tabled.

E) Jack Pines ATV Club, additional roads requested- Discussion & Action:

1. Bosley Hill Road, from Branch Hill to Whitingham Town Line:

Tabled

2. Tunnel Street/River Road, from Main Street to Whitingham Town line:

Tabled

3. Main Street, from 6802 Main St (post Office) to Lions Parking Lot:

Raymond made a motion to approve the additional use of Main Street from 6802 Main Street (Post Office) to the Lions parking lot, David second. Joseph recused himself.

4. Howe Pond Road, from first trail head to upper log landing:

Raymond made a motion to approve the additional use of Howe Pond road from the first trail head to the upper log landing, David second. Joseph recused himself.

Hearing of Visitors:

Omar Smith asked about the WIFI hot spot that the State was offering. He stated that there was a possible interest in the School but the public would not be allowed to access it during school hours. The board informed him that the State had asked St. Joachim’s for permission and we are waiting to hear back from the church.

Omar asked for an update on VTEL and offered to help if needed. He was told that our Attorney was asked to speak directly with theirs to help facilitate any agreement that might be forthcoming.

Omar also aske about the cell tower at the fire house. Raymond stated that he had emailed them several times and they do not return a response.

Omar reported to the board that he had been in contact with Trapper Wimmelman about cutting the trees at the fire house. Mr. Wimmelman will come take a look before he sends a quote.

Executive Session if needed:

None

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-

AP and Payroll were reviewed and signed.

Adjournment:

Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 9pm, Joseph second

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
July 23, 2020