

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
St. Joachim Parish Hall
August 19, 2020

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Bart Howes, Michael Cole, Jack Byer, Ted Hopkins

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

91 School Street Notice of Blighted/ Distressed Property Notice, ATV signage and VTEL to be added to agenda.

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

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting of 8/3/2020

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous Regular Meeting of 8/5/2020, Joseph second.

Minutes of Previous Special Town Meeting of 8/3/2020

David made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous Special Town Meeting of 8/3/2020, Raymond second.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report: No issues

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

Administrative Assistant Report was read.

B) Selectboard Updates:

1. Bob Matte has asked to explore bringing water back to the Transfer Station for sanitary purposes.
2. Back roads are looking good, Calcium Chloride has been applied to the hills. Potholes will need to be filled when Jeremy gets back from vacation. The road on Jarvis Hill by the Maroni Block is washing out and compromising the foundation.

Old Business:

A) 2020-2021 Sheriff's contract- Discussion & Action:

After a brief discussion matter was tabled

B) 91 School Street- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to sign the Notice of Blighted/ Distressed Property for 91 School Street, Joseph second.

C) VTEL Pole Easement- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion Raymond made a motion to sign the VTEL Pole Easement Agreement, Joseph second.

New Business & Communications:

A) Goldstone Architecture- Discussion & Action:

Jack Byer from Goldston Architecture came to answer a few questions the board had with their proposal.

David asked if the quote of \$58,210 included all entities that would be involved. Mr. Byer stated yes except for Trinity Engineering who is already under contract. This total would cover all expenses start to finish. Mr. Byer stated that there were other charges that are not included in the proposal such as various permitting fees, testing and inspections however, he would help to establish that budget and Shaftsbury Town Administrator would be a good source to help estimate extra costs because we are essentially building the same garage. There is also the actual cost of the building as well as Morton's design fees which may or may not be charged due to an already existing design.

Raymond voiced his concern about attaching the building directly to the floor and would like to consider a short wall as a foundation. There was much discussion on possible savings by utilizing our own materials and DPW staff for site preparation. Bart Howes recommended that the Town be extremely specific in our bid documents if we were planning on utilizing our materials, staff, and equipment.

Mr. Byer stated that a cost analysis and sketches would be ready and provided to the Town before March Town Meeting

Raymond made a motion for Goldstone Architecture to move forward with preparing a contract for the design phase, David second.

B) Amendment of ATV Ordinance- Discussion & Action:

There was much discussion about designating speed limits on River Road that is lower than the actual posted State limits. Both Karen and Michael will call to inquire the legality of posting different limits on the same road (car vs. atv)

C) Parcels for 2020 Tax Sale- Discussion & Action:

After a brief discussion David made a motion to allow the Delinquent Tax Collector to initiate a tax sale by sending out demand letters, Joseph second.

Hearing of Visitors:

None

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 8:20pm, Joseph second.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant
August 20, 2020