

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
St. Joachim's Parish Hall
September 2, 2020

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

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

1. Letter to W. Suters of 154 Jarvis Hill Rd
2. Rental of a Handicapped Port-A-John

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

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting of 8/19/2020

Raymond made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting of 8/19/2020 as corrected, David second.

Minutes of the Previous Executive Session of 8/26/2020

Raymond made a motion to approve the minutes of the Previous Executive Session of 8/26/2020, David second.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report:

Money will need to be transferred to the Road Materials Fund for paving.

David requested a copy of FY20 final budget when completed.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

Administrative Assistants report was read.

B) Selectboard Updates:

E-Barn potential vendors for selling beams to once building is demolished.

1. Dismantling Works
2. Mann Lumber- Athol, Ma

Raymond stated that potholes have been patched, Mowing Tractor is currently broken down, will be repaired on Thursday and the rock on Branch Hill still needs to be dug out before paving starts at the end of the month.

Old Business:

A) Bridge 25- Update

There was much discussion on possible design wishes. Karen reminded the board of the upcoming site meeting on September 8 at 11am. If no board member can attend Karen was asked to.

B) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan- Discussion & Action:

Karen informed the board that Readsboro was included in a grant that was awarded to help with the cost of the updating of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Town needs to send the work out for bid, following our Procurement Policy.

C) Contract for Goldstone Architecture- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion Raymond made a motion to sign the contract with Goldstone Architecture, Joseph second.

D) Town Office Lease and letter to School Board- Discussion & Action:

The School Board has reconsidered their original view of the Town Office staff using the bathroom and staff is now allowed entry thru the gymnasium. The Public however still is denied access. The Town is still waiting for a 2020-21 lease agreement.

New Business & Communications:

A) Ratify Decision of VTEL Pole Easement Agreement- Discussion & Action:

Raymond made a motion to sign the VTEL Pole Easement Agreement, David second.

B) St. Joachim ECU formula- Discussion & Action:

Due to a request from the church for real estate purposes Mitchell and Karen met with Sue Bailey to reassess the ECU counts at both the catholic churches rectory and church/hall. It was found that the 2 separate accounts need to be swapped and a sewer charge added to the church/hall account as there currently is not one.

A Village wide ECU reassessment will be explored in the near future .

C) Water Bill, 22 Tunnel Street- Discussion & Action:

The Selectboard received a request from Richard Colo to abate his water bill. He had a broken toilet in the former store area resulting in higher charges.

After a brief discussion Raymond made a motion to deny Mr. Colo's request for abatement, Joseph second.

D) Surveying of a Town Lot- Discussion & Action:

There has been some confusion of ownership on the parcel located at the very bottom of East Main Street directly across from 45 East Main Street. Karen has asked both Ben Joyce and Brad Lackey for estimates for surveying the parcel.

E) Fire Department Sub Contractors Insurance- Discussion & Action:

After much discussion, the Selectboard decided to leave the matter at the discretion of the Fire Department.

F) Assessor Clerk Applications- Discussion & Action:

The Town received 2 applications for the vacant Assessors Clerk position. Interviews will be set up for 9/9/2020 at 7 and 7:30pm.

G) Letter to W. Suter of 154 Jarvis Hill Rd- Discussion & Action:

A certified letter will be sent to W. Suters the owner of 154 Jarvis Hill Rd. condemning the building under the Dangerous and Vacant Building and Property Ordinance. Water has compromised the foundation causing the structure to potentially become unstable.

H) Rental of Handicapped Port-A-John- Discussion & Action:

Due to the fact the public is not allowed use of bathrooms at the school the Town to follow State Regulation for Public Offices will need to rent a Pot-A-John. To follow ADA Regulations, it will need to be a Handicapped Accessible one. Karen spoke with A1 Septic for a quote and was told it would cost \$190 monthly. Karen also got permission from them to install a padlock on it. Visitors to the Town Office will have to request the key for access.

Raymond made a motion to rent a Handicapped Port-A-John, Joseph second.

Karen will contact the School Board for permission.

Hearing of Visitors:

None

Executive Session if needed:

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-

AP and Payroll were reviewed and signed.

Adjournment:

Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm, Joseph second.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant

September 3, 2020