

Town of Readsboro  
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting  
The Readsboro Town Office  
September 25, 2019

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard  
Others present: Karen Boisvert, Larry Hopkins, Ted Hopkins, Normajean Marchegiani, Kim Thayer

**Call to Order:**

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

**Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:**

Raymond made a motion to accept the agenda as written, Joseph seconded. So voted.

**Reading & Approval of Records:**

**Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 9/18/19**

Raymond made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting of 9/18/19 as written, Joseph seconded. So voted.

**Fiscal Matters:**

Budget Summary was reviewed. Sidewalk funds to be watched, they will need to be transferred from Grant Matching Fund.

**Selectboard Administrative Report:**

**A) Updates:**

Administrative Assistants report was read. Raymond made a motion to go with VTrans option A scenario of \$65,477.00 for the SFY2020 Environmental Mitigation Grant application to replace culvert near 430 Tunnel Street, Joseph seconded. So voted. David reported that the arrow signs on Route 100 South near the scene of last week's motorcycle accident are missing and need to be replaced. Karen will contact VTrans. Buzz has not done much cleaning out of the EBarn to date and the Town still needs to do their inspection of the property. He also stated that the Fire Department received an AFG grant in the amount of \$90,400. He believes the town share would be approximately \$4,250.

**Old Business:**

**A) Zoning- Discussion & Action:**

Zoning Permit for Linda Marston on Main Street is still in question. Helyn could not make the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Larry gave the board an information packet pertaining to this circumstance. He stated that in the past the property was used for home occupation due to a smaller footprint and use as well as non-retail. He stated that present business is much larger (utilizing the bottom half of the building) and being a retail operation, it requires a conditional use permit and that must be issued through a DRB hearing. Kim Thayer spoke up stating he feels that the Zoning Administrators decision should not be questioned. Larry stated that nobody should have a problem with the permit and it just needs to be done properly. The matter is tabled until next week for further information.

**B) Upcoming Tax Sale- Discussion & Action:**

The property on 58 Canal Drive that the Town is considering purchasing at the upcoming tax sale has liens on it. Ted informed the board that he believes after 8years a judgement Lien is released and 7 years for a regular lien. Karen will contact the towns attorney, Mr. Fisher for clarification. Ted also informed the board that the sale is down to 4 or 5 properties from the original 11. He is looking at possibly having the sale early November.

**New Business & Communications:**

**A) Utility Office Hours- Discussion & Action:**

There was much discussion on the possibility of switching the Utility days from Monday and Friday to Tuesday and Thursday. Raymond feels it would be more efficient to do so. Normajean stated it would interfere with her second job in the library. Raymond stated he was looking out for the best interest of the town. After a heated exchange Kim reminded David that his speaking on this matter was a conflict of interest. David refused to recuse himself. Raymond suggested that if Tuesday and Thursday did not work for her perhaps moving the hours to Wednesdays would work. She stated she needed to be in the office to make written arrangements and one day a week would not be enough to get her work done. Raymond asked her to make a log of who and when customers come in to pay their

bills, who/how many utilizes the drop box and a detailed accounting of what is done on a daily basis.

**B) Burn Pile on Tunnel Street- Discussion & Action**

The owner of the home had cleaned out another residence and it appeared that the debris would be burnt. Both Raymond and the Health Officer spoke with him and the problem has been resolved.

**C) Conference Phone- Discussion & Action:**

Karen is to investigate Bluetooth conference phones.

**D) Library SuperBoard Appointments:**

Carol Marks submitted a letter of interest for the Library Superboard vacancy. Raymond made a motion to appoint Carol Marks to the Library Superboard, David seconded. So voted.

**E) ECU Change at 59 East Main Street- Discussion & Action:**

Raymond made a motion to change 59 East Main Streets ECU from 2 to 1 effective the October usage, David seconded. So voted.

**F) Community Calendar Listing- Discussion & Action:**

Raymond made a motion to list meetings dates and times on the community calendar for \$11, David seconded. So voted.

**Hearing of Visitors:**

Kim Thayer came to express his anger over rumors in town over his informing the town of the metal in the gravel. He also brought straps in that fell off the grader rake and stated the block had also fallen off. He also brought in more metal he had picked up on various roads. Kim also stated he had a list of 27 flat tires from various residents. Raymond informed him that the town was looking into a military grade 8' wide magnet that is pulled behind a truck to fix the problem. Kim also made the town aware that there is a large swale that runs all the way up Howe Pond Rd and that he feels it will wash the road out if we receive any heavy rain.

**Executive Session if needed:**

Raymond made a motion to enter executive session at 8pm, Joseph seconded. So voted

Attendance: Raymond, Joseph and David.

Raymond made a motion exit executive session at 8:30pm, David seconded. So voted.

Towns attorney needs to be consulted before further action is taken.

**Fiscal Matters:**

**A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-**

AP and Payroll were reviewed and signed.

**Adjournment:**

Joseph made a motion to adjourn at 9pm, Raymond seconded. So voted

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Boisvert, Administrative Assistant

September 26, 2019