

Town of Readsboro
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
The Readsboro Town Office
October 2, 2019

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani, Joseph Berard
Others present: Amber Holland, Jeremy Green, Normajean Marchegiani, Larry Hopkins

Call to Order:

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

Agenda Additions/ Deletions Approval of Agenda:

Raymond made a motion to add Purchase of Magnet for Highway, Joseph seconded. So voted

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of previous Regular Meeting 9/25/19

Ray made a motion to approve as corrected Joseph seconded. So voted

Fiscal Matters:

Amber stated she didn't have time to do a report this week, but the budget status was in their email. There was a brief discussion on the final numbers for the East Main water project. Amber said they are still waiting on Berards' bill before there can be a final number given. A decision on where the paving bill will be paid out of will be given at a later date.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates:

Amber updated the Board on some follow up information from the previous weeks meeting regarding liens, and tax sale purchases.

David asked the Board if they would like him to reach out to Dufrense Group regarding the plans for State Bridge #25. The Board asked him to touch base about the borings as well.

Old Business:

A) Water/Sewer fee abatement request at 59 East Main St – Discussion & Action

Normajean Marchegiani stated that as of September 13, 2019 the amount delinquent was \$5,302.16.

Raymond made a motion to abate \$5302.16. No second, motion failed.

There was further discussion. David made a motion to abate \$3,302.16, Raymond seconded. So voted.

B) Utility Hours – Discussion & Action

Raymond stated that the heading was misleading; it was supposed to state change of utility days not hours. Amber apologized; Karen had created the agenda before she left for vacation, and assumed it was accurate.

Raymond proposed changing the Utility office days from Monday and Friday to Tuesday and Thursday. Normajean stated she is unable to work Tuesday and Thursday hours because she works in the Library and would not give up her library hours. She proposed to allow flexible scheduling allowing the Utility office to be open from 8-2 on a Tuesday after a holiday to make up for the holiday. Raymond stated being open back to back Friday and Monday doesn't make any sense. Joseph asked if changing days would help with the billing. Normajean stated that everything works just fine if she's allowed to be flexible. David stated the office should be open 8-2 on a Tuesday after a holiday. Raymond questioned Normajean as to why she could work a Tuesday after a holiday but not any other Tuesday. Normajean reiterated that during the winter she doesn't go to the Library until 2:15, during the summer she's there all day. Raymond would like to see the office more streamlined. Joseph stated he would like to know what is done in a day before he makes a decision. The matter will be put back on the agenda next week.

C) Zoning – Discussion & Action

Amber noted that Karen had sent an email to Attorney Fisher regarding home occupation/business. Mr. Fisher called and reviewed that answer with her stating the Zoning Administrator upon receipt of a completed zoning application for a home business/occupation/industry etc, must go to the property and verify the square footage of the retail space, what is being sold, as there are different criteria for each, and determine if the Zoning Administrator themselves can approve the permit or it must go to the DRB. The Selectboard added the discussion to the next agenda when the Zoning Administrator has stated she can be present.

New Business & Communications:

A) DPW Report

The Selectboard reviewed the DPW report. There was discussion of having the new parking in front of the firehouse paved while the contractor was here doing East Main and Phelps lane if possible.

B) Purchase of Magnet for Highway Department

Raymond stated he found a magnet for approximately \$8600, however Jeremy found one with the same strength for \$1350. Raymond made a motion to purchase a magnet for \$1350 plus applicable fees, David seconded. So voted.

C) Gas Reimbursement – Discussion & Action

Raymond noted that an employee was given permission to put fuel in his vehicle on the Town's account at the Readsboro General Store in lieu of mileage reimbursement. The Selectboard feels this is bad practice, and does not want it to continue. Raymond made a motion that mileage only will be paid and gas will not be purchased for employee vehicles. Joseph seconded. So voted.

D) Alpenwald Lot – Discussion & Action

Joe made a motion to allow the individual to proceed with a perk test and design, with a purchase and sale agreement pending a state approved design and a copy of all paperwork to the Town, and purchase price of \$400. David Seconded. So voted.

Amber will work on a purchase and sale agreement.

E) Transfer Station – Future Planning – Discussion & Action (if needed)

The Selectboard and Jeremy discussed several ideas. Raymond will call TripleT and TAM about running the transfer station and curbside pickup, he will bring back information at the 10/23/19 meeting. Jeremy will also bring his ideas of what could be improved/changed to the same meeting.

Hearing of Visitors:

Raymond asked if there was an update on the Planning Commission Minutes. Amber stated she received approved minutes from Sue Bailey for June, July & August, 2019 and had put them on the website at about 5:00 pm that evening.

Executive Session 1VSA 313 (D) Grievances, Other than Tax Grievances:

Raymond made a motion to go into executive session for grievances, other than tax grievances at 8:15. Joseph seconded. So voted.

David made a motion to leave executive session at 8:37 Ray seconded. So voted

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills-

AP and Payroll were reviewed and signed.

Adjournment:

David made a motion to adjourn at 8:50, Joseph seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Holland, Assistant Clerk to the Selectboard
October 4, 2019