

**Town of Readsboro, Vermont
Selectboard Regular Meeting
Readsboro Town Office
October 9, 2019**

Selectboard Present: Raymond Eilers, David Marchegiani,
Others present: Amber Holland, Christy Betit (BDCC), Larry Hopkins, Laura Sibia,

Call to Order

Agenda Additions/Deletions Approval of Agenda

Raymond made a motion to approve as written. David seconded. So voted.

Reading & Approval of Records:

Minutes of previous Regular Meeting of 10/2/19

Raymond made a motion to approve the minutes written, David seconded so voted.

Fiscal Matters:

Review of Budget Status Report

There was a discussion on the final numbers for the East Main Water Line Project. Amber recommended transferring a maximum of \$40,000 out to the Water Department Capital fund as not to completely drain the fund. Raymond did not want to transfer that much, he felt \$25,000 was enough. David said he wanted to do \$30,000. Raymond agreed.

David made a motion to transfer \$30,000 from the Water Capital Fund to the Water Department Checking. Raymond seconded. So voted.

David asked Amber to add the AFG Grant back to the report.

Selectboard Administrative Report:

A) Updates

Amber let the Board know that the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan had expired. She was not able to find a copy of the plan to work on updating. The Board said to put it on Karen's to do list to work on as soon as she returns from vacation.

B) Update on State Bridge #25 Plans & Phelps Lane Boring

David stated he spoke with Christina Haskins from Dufrense Group and she had not yet received the final plans for the bridge project, but would follow up with VTRANS. They also spoke about the borings on Phelps Lane, Christina is waiting to hear back from the company that did the borings on a plan the Dufrense will review and make a determination on how to fix the road.

Old Business:

A) Zoning Issues – Discussion & Action

Tabled – Zoning Administrator did not show

B) Add 58 Canal Drive to Tax Sale – Discussion & Action

Raymond noted that Ted Hopkins, Delinquent Tax Collector has asked repeatedly if this property will be added to the upcoming tax sale. Amber informed the Board that the tax sale attorney Kevin O'Toole was in the office and said that he needed to know on Thursday if the property would be included so that he could meet all the appropriate time lines.

Raymond made a motion to add 58 Canal Drive to the tax sale. David seconded. So voted.

New Business & Communications:

A) Christy Betit & Laura Sibia, Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation- Update

Christy Betit and Laura Sibia from BDCC updated the Board on the economic health of Readsboro and some programs that are being implemented the local high schools to help kids connect to paid internships. They are also working with VSAC to help individuals get financial aid for credentials and licenses.

B) School Lease Agreement- Discussion & Action

Tabled until the next meeting. The School failed to provide the lease agreement for the meeting.

C) Signing of Sidewalk Project Change Order #5 – Discussion & Action

Raymond made a motion to sign change order #5. David second. So voted.

D) Bennington County Sheriff Presence – Discussion & Action

The Board discussed the apparent lack of presence of the Sheriff's office in Town and that when they are here it seems to be just in the mornings. The Board discussed purchasing and installing solar powered radar signs. Karen will research..

Hearing of Visitors

Raymond noted the conceptual plans for the three town garage sites were in. If anyone would like a digital or paper copy, contact the Town Office.

David received notification from the School Board there is vacancy among the Readsboro School Board.

Executive Session If Needed:

none

Fiscal Matters:

A) Signing of Selectboard orders/bills

Adjournment:

Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 8:15, David seconded. So voted.

Respectfully Submitted

Amber J Holland, Assistant Selectboard Clerk

10/11/19