

Readfield Select Board

Regular Meeting Minutes – October 29, 2018

Select Board Members Present: Bruce Bourgoine, John Parent, Dennis Price, Christine Sammons and Kathryn Woodsum

Others Attending: Eric Dyer (Town Manager), Kristin Parks (Board Secretary), William Starrett (Channel 7), Grace Keene, Karen Peterson, Aaron Neily, James Tukey, Holly Dominie, Jerry Bley, Milton Wright, Pamela Osborn, David Trunnell, Andy Tolman, Leah Hayes, Robert Bittar, John Jones

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Mr. Bourgoine called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

- **19-040 – Minutes: Select Board meeting minutes of October 15, 2018**
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of October 15, 2018 as presented, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 3-0-2 abstained by Mr. Bourgoine and Mr. Price due to an excused absence.
- **19-041 – Warrants #18-19 (FY19)**
 - Mr. Parent reviewed Warrants #18-19 (FY19)
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve warrants #18-19 (FY19) as presented in the amount of \$420,317.32, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Communications

- **Select Board Communications**
 - Mr. Parent: FYI for any businesses in town, there is a potential fraudulent letter from the state tax entity going around. Senator Bellows has been contracted and her office is going to check it out as it doesn't sound right.
 - Mr. Price: Attended the Landowner Appreciation Event put on by the Trails Buster Snowmobile Club to thank the land owners for use of their land. It was a great time and all the hard work that is put into the trails is much appreciated. Sunday mornings the Trail Busters meet to help maintain the trails and anyone is welcome to come out and help.
 - Mrs. Woodsum: Mentioned that the dedication for the new dam trail was done Saturday morning and it was very nice. A lot of hard work was put into it with a great outcome.
 - Mrs. Sammons: Wednesday, October 31st from 5:00-7:00 pm is Readfield's first annual trunk or treat being held at the Union Meeting House. After the truck or treat you can walk down to the library on the pumpkin trail. This will be a combined event with the Union Meeting House as they rescheduled due to the weather. If you want to put a car in contract Mrs. Sammons.
 - Mr. Bourgoine: Reminder that Tuesday, November 6 is Election Day. Polls are open 8:00 am-8:00 pm. Encourages everyone to come out and vote.
- **Town Staff Reports**
 - Second meeting of the month so no reports at this time.
- **Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments**
 - Library Board minutes of September 5, 2018
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- **Public Communications** - *Members of the public may address the Select Board on any topic*
 - Jerry Bley spoke that he is pleased that the Solar Project is underway with a new location at the Transfer Station. He also feels that the rezoning petition situation could have been done in a more productive way.
 - Bob Bittar: He says he understands that the Planning Board has already sent their decision to the Select Board and spoke on the petition process and whether it was in violation of law. He also expressed his feelings and concerns on petition processes and petition laws.
 - Leah Hayes: Has started a Nonprofit Organization called Restore Readfield. The organization has 3 goals: 1) Bipartisan candidates to restore Readfield's political 2) Dispose of secret meetings and 3) Term Limitations for all people to participate in their democracy.

Old Business

- **19-020 – Consider recommendations and take any appropriate action on the petition for rezoning in the Mill Stream Area**
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Sammons that we deny the petition to be placed on a ballot for the rezoning of the Mill Stream area due to the fact that we've been counseled by legal counsel that it would be illegal, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Discussion:** An appeal has been filed by Mr. Bittar; process to see if the Planning Board has followed all the rules. Advice from lawyer was that this would not be a wise move to make. Mr. Bourgoine is very disappointed that it is in front of the Select Board, denying a citizen petition is one of the most difficult decisions but there is a conflict with law. Mr. Woodsum spoke that she has been on the other side where the petition was turned down and understands it all. Mr. Parent agrees with what Mrs. Woodsum has said that it is very upsetting to have a petition turned down but the Select Board has to follow legal advice or what is the point in asking for it. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
 - Bob Bittar spoke and says he has researched the laws and petition process himself and would like to know the several laws that have been violated. He was told they are in the lawyers letters to the town which is in the public packet for tonight's meeting.
- **19-037 – Consider a second reading of new and revised cemetery Policies and Regulations**
 - Andy Tolman mentioned that nothing major has changed from the first reading except the correction of two typos, substance is identical. Gave a brief update on the cemetery rules.
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve the cemetery policies as presented effective today, October 29, 2018, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Discussion:** Pricing hasn't changed but a recommendation to update the fees was mentioned. A big thank you to the cemetery committee for the work put in. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

New Business:

- **19-042 – Consider a first-draft Budget and Warrant Schedule**
 - Brief review from Mr. Dyer; he went over the school, federal and state holiday etc. calendars to try and keep everything in order and avoid conflicts. He will discuss with Robin Lint, town clerk, to make sure there are no issues on her end.
 - Discussion to make things clearer for the public between meeting/hearing.
 - General consensus amongst the Select Board that this schedule is good to go with.

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- **19-043 – Consider a schedule of upcoming meetings, holidays, and town office closures**
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve the upcoming holiday closures for the Town of Readfield effect 11-1-2018 through 12-31-2019, **Second** Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Motion made by Mr. Parent to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm, **Second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Parks, Board Secretary