

Readfield Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2019

Select Board Members Present: Ralph Eno, Dennis Price, Christine Sammons and Kathryn Woodsum

Excused Absence: Bruce Bourgoine

Others Attending: Eric Dyer (Town Manager), William Starrett (Channel 7), Kristin Parks (Board Secretary), Senator Shenna Bellows, Grace Keene, Sandra Rourke

Mrs. Sammons called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **20-019 – Minutes: Select Board meeting minutes of August 12, 2019**
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Price to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of August 12, 2019 as presented, **second** by Mr. Eno. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.
- **20-020 – Warrants #7-10 (FY20)**
 - Mrs. Woodsum reviewed Warrants #7-10 (FY20)
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Warrants #7-8 (FY20) in the amount of \$72,679.92, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Warrants #9-10 (FY20) in the amount of \$440,134.16, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.

Communications

- **Select Board Communications**
 - Mr. Price – August 7, 8 & 9, 2020 is Heritage Days. Already starting to plan and keep the word alive and on people's minds.
 - Mrs. Sammons – Thursday, October 31 is the annual Trunk or Treat at the Union Meeting House parking lot. Contact Mrs. Sammons if you would like to decorate a trunk.
 - Community Heart and Soul Program/Presentation/Meeting is tomorrow evening; Tuesday, September 10 starting at 6:00 at Gile Hall. All are welcome to attend.
- **Staff Reports**
 - Mr. Dyer went over the Town Manager Report dated September 9, 2019
 - Mr. Dyer went over the August 2019 Treasures Report.

20-026 – Discussion with Senator Shenna Bellows - *Census of the Select Board to take item 20-026 out of order*

- Senator Shenna Bellows gave a brief introduction and a brief update on Revenue Sharing and Homestead Exemption changes.
- Elderly Tax Relief Program regarding seniors and for the town to freeze taxes – has done some research and gave a brief update. A tax freeze would violate the provision in Maine's constitution requiring property to be assessed and taxed equitably. The legislators representing the requesting community would need to advance legislation seeking to amend the constitution, which Senator Craven attempted this session. The bill received a unanimous "ought not to pass" vote from the members of the Taxation Committee.
- Gave 3 suggestions on current programs that exist and may work; Municipal Property Tax Deferral, Municipal Circuit Breaker Program and Municipal Volunteer Program.
- Brief discussion amongst the Select Board and Senator Shenna Bellows

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- **Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments**
 - Board of Assessors minutes of May 13, 2019
 - Age Friendly minutes of July 10, 2019
 - Enterprise Committee minutes of July 16, 2019

Thank you for submitting your minutes
- **Public Communications** - *Members of the public may address the Select Board on any topic*
 - None

Public Hearing:

To have the Select Board hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering amendments to Appendices A-D of the General Assistance Ordinance

Public Hearing opened at 7:45 pm by Mrs. Sammons. No public comments. Public Hearing closed at 7:46 pm.

New Business:

- **20-021 – Consider amending Appendices A-D of the General Assistance Ordinance**
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to accept the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-D and Appendix H for 2019/20 as presented, **Second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.
- **20-022 – Consider an award for repairs to the municipal Salt/Sand Building**
 - Mr. Dyer gave a brief update – had evaluations done by A.E. Hodson Consulting Engineers. Received 1 bid and was higher than anticipated by the engineers. Will be pursuing other options and not rewarding the bid at this time.
- **20-023 – Consider an award for replacement of the Readfield Public Library roof**
 - Mr. Dyer gave a brief update – had evaluations done by Dirigo Architectural Engineering. Received 2 bids; one for \$189,790 and the other \$131,931; and both were higher than anticipated by the engineers. Recommendation at this time is to recognize H.E. Callahan as the lowest bid and work with them and their numbers for areas for cost savings.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Eno to designate Callahan as the preferred bidder and instruct Eric to go back and work with them to itemize the numbers to shave what we can out of there to get a more realistic number, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.
- **20-024 – Consider an award for Accessibility Improvements to the Readfield Town Office**
 - Mr. Dyer gave a brief update – had evaluations done by Main-Land Development Consultants. Received 3 bids and all were higher than anticipated. Recommendation at this time to not award at this time and put back out to bid in the spring when the time frame is not an issue.
 - Sandra Rourke asked what the changes would be at the Town Office. Mr. Dyer responded with mainly changes outside to the sidewalk/curbing and parking area.
- **20-025 – Consider a revised Policy on Activity at the Readfield Transfer Station**
 - Mr. Dyer gave a brief overview of activity at the Readfield Transfer Station for unrelated activity to the operation of the Transfer Station. Proposed policy included in Select Board packet.

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Motion made by Mrs. Woodsum to extend meeting by 5 minutes, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.

- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve the Readfield Transfer Station Activity Policy including the map with an adjustment to the distractive behavior line as discussed, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.

Motion made by Mr. Price to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Parks, Board Secretary