

Readfield Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes – Monday, February 18, 2020

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

Others Attending: Eric Dyer (Town Manager), William Starrett (Channel 7), Les Priest

Excused Absence: Kristin Parks (Board Secretary)

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

Item 20-082 – Reschedule to next meeting due to the weather.

Add item – Union Negotiations Discussion

- **20-077 – Minutes: Select Board meeting minutes of February 3, 2020**
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Eno to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of February 3, 2020 as presented, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 4-0 in favor, Mrs. Woodsum not present to vote.
- **20-078 – Warrants #35-36 (FY20)**
 - Mr. Price reviewed Warrants #35-36 (FY20)
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Price to approve Warrants #35-36 (FY20) in the amount of \$51,466.21, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Discussion:** Mr. Eno asked for a balance on the engineering cost to date. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Communications

- **Select Board Communications**
 - Mr. Price: Reminder this Sunday, February 23rd is the first organizational meeting for Heritage Days starting at 1:00 pm at the Town Office. All are welcome; or contact Dennis to volunteer.
 - Mrs. Woodsum: Both bathrooms at the Town Office look terrific.
- **Staff Reports**
 - Mr. Dyer reviewed the Treasurers Report for January 2020.
 - Reminder that 2nd half of 2019 taxes are due Friday, February 28, 2020.
 - Happy to announce that there were no foreclosures for 2017 taxes.
- **Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments**
 - Library Board minutes of January 8, 2020
Thank you for submitting your minutes
- **Public Communications - Members of the public may address the Select Board on any topic**
 - None

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations:

- **20-079 - Consider the appointment of Stephanie Donaldson to the Conservation Commission**
 - Stephanie Donaldson was present at the last meeting and didn't need to attend tonight.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to appoint Stephanie Donaldson to the Conservation Commission with a term ending 06-30-2021, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

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- **20-080 - Consider appoint of an Election Warden and Ballot Clerks**
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Eno to approve the appointment of Sonya Clark as the Election Warden for the upcoming election, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Price to approve the list of Ballot and Election Clerks as submitted, **second** by Mr. Eno. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **20-081 - Consider the resignation of Amanda and Mark Hreben from the Recreation Board**
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to accept the resignation of Amanda and Mark Hreben from the Recreation Board with regrets, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Old Business:

- **20-072 – Discuss funding and management for the Readfield Beach**
 - Mr. Dyer met with Sean Keegan of the Recreation Board to work on the upcoming year's budget for the beach. Focus on operations; back to having a Superintendent Position/Program Coordinator. Review of the changes on the Custom Budget Expense Report. This year focus on getting programs going like swim lessons. The Recreation Committee would like to see a fee increase (\$40.00 to \$60.00 for residents/50% by the board) and try to maintain membership.
 - Suggested to throw the beach conversation in with the budget committee/capital planning. Future Select Board to work on the upcoming plans for the beach. Develop a two year plan/transition schedule. Have something to present by the March 27 meeting for community input/direction.
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to authorize the request from the Recreation Committee to increase the fees this year to \$60.00 for a family pass and other fees correspondently for day passes and nonresidents, **second** by Mr. Eno. **Discussion:** Mr. Price wanted to verify that the request was coming from the Recreation Committee/Town Manager. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Consensus of Select Board to have item 20-083 taken out of order; see item under New Business/20-083

- **20-074 – Consider pending real estate foreclosures and review the waiver process**
 - There were no foreclosures for the 2017 tax year.
 - Mr. Dyer gave an overview and said that the article is contradicting to state law and needs to be updated. Need to strike a few items from the policy and change the language of the foreclosure policy along with a policy for tax acquired property and out to Town Meeting for vote.

New Business:

- **20-082 – Hear and discuss the FY19 Independent Audit Report by Berry, Talbot, Royer**
 - Scheduled to next meeting due to weather.
- **20-083 – Consider the status of land surrounding the Jesse Lee Church**
 - Mr. Dyer gave a brief review. Proposal for quiet title transfer as Jesse Lee Church has been using for many years. Has not been revenue tax money for the town in about 200 years. In the 1800's deeded to the town but church has been using the property.
 - Les Priest, Representative for Readfield Methodist Church who over sees the Jesse Lee Church as well was present. They would like to do improvements to the Jesse Lee Church. Discovered the deed ownership when they were looking at selling some land to an abutter. Would like to use

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the money from land sales to fix up church and also see about creating a small parking lot for the use of the church and town due to the cemetery across the street.

- **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to instruct the Town Manager with appropriate legal counsel, if necessary, to go through with the quiet title transfer, **second** by Mr. Price. **Discussion:** Questioned on if this was seen as the town giving property to the church. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **20-084 – Consider a one-year extension of the Snow and Ice Control Contract**

- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum for the Town of Readfield to extend the current Snow & Ice Control Contract with Cushing Construction LLC of Readfield to go thru May 1, 2021 as provided by the contract, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **20-085 – Conduct a review of the third draft FY21 Municipal Budget**

- Review by Mr. Dyer and Select Board.

- **20-086 – Conduct a first reading of a Food Sovereignty Ordinance**

- Review by Mr. Dyer and Select Board.
- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to accept the Food Sovereignty Ordinance as presented as the first reading and to move it to a second reading, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **20-087 – Discuss the potential for medical and recreational marijuana ordinances**

- Discussion on creating a subcommittee and bring back to the Select Board for review. Mr. Price to be on the subcommittee. Looking at ordinances for all 6 areas on marijuana. Suggested to make sure it is presented as broadly as possible to get the best feedback.

- **20-088 – Hear an update on regional broadband and consider Phase II project funding**

- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to authorize the Town Manager to submit a payment of \$1000.00 to Fayette to cover the cost of the Phase II planning and communications process for broadband, **second** by Mr. Eno. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Other Business, Upcoming Meetings & Future Agenda Items:

- Designated union negotiators are Mr. Bourgoine and Mr. Eno.

Motion made by Mr. Price to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Parks, Board Secretary via YouTube