

Readfield Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes – Monday, April 6, 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), Kristin Parks (Board Secretary), Ellen Schneiter

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

Moment of silence and remembrance for John Parent

- **20-099 – Minutes: Select Board meeting minutes of March 16, 2020**
 - Tabled until next meeting

Communications

- **Select Board Communications**
 - Mrs. Sammons mentioned that there will be no community roadside cleanup day this year but encourages anyone who wants to help by cleaning up their street. More information to come and be added to the website for organization and tracking.
- **Staff Reports**
 - Mr. Dyer gave a verbal report and spoke on the following:
 - Update on the coronavirus confirmed today that the Town of Readfield is considered an essential business. Also attended a meeting today on the coronavirus and got a lot of good information to pass along. Continue practicing social distancing and staying at home.
 - Thank you to all the staff and volunteers for their help and continued cooperation.
 - Transfer station is not accepting plastic film until further notice. New temporary senior hours on Thursdays from 10:00 – 2:00. Social distancing continues to be practiced.
 - Working with the fire chief for the purchase of N95 masks for the staff and residents.
- **Public Communications - *Members of the public may address the Select Board on any topic***
 - None

Old Business:

- **20-095 – Consider the FY21 Budget and Warrant**
 - Final review of Warrant/Secret Ballot with the following votes:
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to put Articles 1 & 2 on the warrant as presented, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 3, 4, 5 & 6 as presented and to place on the warrant, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 7, 8, 9 & 10 as presented and to place on the warrant each with a recommendation of ought to pass, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
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- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to take Article 11 as worded and to place on the warrant, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16 as presented with a Select Board recommendation of ought to pass, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to place Articles 17 & 18 as written on the warrant with a Select Board recommendation of ought to pass, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Discussion:** County Tax is the best estimate to be placed on the warrant. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to present Articles 19 & 20 on the warrant with a Select Board recommendation of ought to pass, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Motion** made by Mrs. Sammons to approve Articles 21 thru 28 as presented with a Select Board recommendation of ought to pass, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Discussion:** No new entities, slight changes in amounts. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 29 & 30 as presented and to place on the warrant with a Select Board recommendations of ought to pass, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Discussion:** Abatements and General Assistance increased due to the coronavirus. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 32, 33, 34 & 35 as presented and to be placed on the warrant with a Select Board recommendation of ought to pass, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Article 36:** Concerns from the Budget Committee: They do not like this article and will probably give a recommendation of no. They do not like the use of undesignated funds, the precedent being set and act of delegation. May affect voters' perspective and possibly an outcome of a low or no vote on ballot. Mr. Bourgoine spoke that the purpose of this article is a possible unknown revenue shortfall due to the coronavirus, a proactive approach due to the current situation. Suggested to possibly change the language to make more understandable. Be conservative of upcoming expenditures. **Motion** made by Mr. Price to approve Article 36 as written and to place on the warrant, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Discussion:** Mrs. Woodsum to strike motion and second. **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to make amendment to motion to approve Article 36 and add so in total after 25% with a Select Board recommendation of ought to pass, **second** by Mr. Eno. **Vote on Amended Motion** 5-0 in favor, **Vote on original motion** 5-0 in favor.
- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 37 & 38 as presented and to place on warrant, **second** by Mr. Eno. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 39, 40, 41, 49 & 50 and Articles 42 thru 48, all to have the #48 replaced with #49 and placed on the warrant, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum that the Select Board authorizes any adjustments or corrections to be done by the Town Attorney, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Discussion:** If any changes or recommendations bring back to Select Board. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Other Business, Upcoming Meetings & Future Agenda Items:

- Next meeting is scheduled for April 13 starting at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Motion made by Mr. Price to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Parks, Board Secretary