

Readfield Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes – April 2, 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)

Regular Meeting

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

- **18-121 – Minutes: Select Board meeting minutes of March 19, 2018**
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of March 19, 2018 as presented, **Second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **18-131 – Warrants # 39 & 40**
 - Mr. Price reviewed Warrants #39 & 40.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Price to approve Warrants #39 & 40 in the amount of \$389,485.54, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Communications

- **Select Board Communications**
 - Mrs. Sammons spoke about the Family Fun Day coming up in August. Lafayette Lodge #48 will be holding a breakfast for Project Graduation, The Union Meeting House will be holding a yard sale and maybe another event, the Friends of the Readfield Library will do a soak and wet and Mr. Price will be holding a comedy impromptu show at Gile Hall along with the Library book sale and the Fire Department Annual Bean Hole Supper.
 - Mrs. Woodsum thanked the public that came out for the public budget meeting and hope more people will come to the next one at the end of this month.
 - Mr. Parent reported from the Board of Assessors meeting that the Business property tax letter will be going out for equipment lists to business owners. This is a reimbursement from the state.
 - Mr. Parent also spoke on the policy for combining two or more lots into one for tax advantages. Been running into some issues. Dave Ledew has written up a draft policy.
 - Mr. Price wanted to say congratulations to the recreation committee for all their hard work. He can't say it enough to get outside and play.
 - Mr. Bourgoine mentioned that we welcomed regional AARP age friendly groups at the Torsey Church last Thursday. He would like to congratulate them along with our own age friendly committee. There are now 50 age friendly community groups in Maine.
- **Town Staff Reports**
 - Mr. Dyer went over the Town Manager report dated Monday, April 2, 2018
- **Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments**
 - Age Friendly Committee minutes of January 10, 2018
 - Cobbossee Watershed District minutes of February 13, 2018
Thank you for submitting your minutes
 - Report out on current activity from the Readfield Board of Assessors
Discussed in Select Board Communications

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- **Public Communications** - *Members of the public may address the Select Board on any topic*
 - None

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations:

- **18-114 – Consider the appointment of Martha Soule as a Ballot Clerk**
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Bourgoine to appoint Martha Soule as a Ballot Clerk for 2018, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Old Business:

- **18-120 – Final budget and Warrant review and approval**
 - Review of final budget and warrant review by the Select Board.
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve the clean copy draft warrant as presented along with the additions of the 2 noted votes needed by the budget committee, **second** by Mr. Price.
Discussion: Article 20 and 33 need review from Budget Committee. Annotated explanation sheet will be available this week or next week. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **18-109 – Consider a final draft revised Animal Control Ordinance**
 - Review of final draft Animal Control Ordinance by the Select Board.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Price to approve the clean draft of the Animal Control Ordinance as presented in the packet, **Second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Discussion:** Thank everyone who worked on the Animal Control Ordinance. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **18-096 – Consider a final draft Property Tax Assistance Program Ordinance**
 - Review of the final draft Property Tax Assistance Program Ordinance by the Select Board.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to approve the Property Tax Assistance Program Ordinance as presented in the packet, **Second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Discussion:** Thank u to all who have worked on this ordinance. **Vote** 5-0, Mr. Parent voted yes with reservations..

New Business:

- **18-123 – Consider draft changes to the Land Use Ordinance**
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve the suggested LUO amendments as submitted in our packets with the addition of the suggestions made by legal counsel, **Second** by Mrs. Sammons.
Amended: Suggested by legal counsel as of this date. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **18-124 – Solar Energy Ad-hoc Committee**
 - There has been discussion and a presentation at the Select Board level for all of the town buildings.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to put together an Adhoc committee to review the proposal of revision energy along with any other proposal and to have 2 select board members and invite 2 members from the budget committee and 2 from the conservation committee in reviewing the solar energy proposals and any other solar options that may be received, **Second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Discussion:** Have an upfront explanation of purchase credits and how it all works. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

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- **Motion** made by Mr. Price to nominate Mr. Bourgoine and Mr. Parent as the Select Board members on the Adhoc Committee for Solar Energy, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **18-125 – Discussion of current project planning & properties**

- The Select Board discussed priority settings of upcoming projects.

Motion made by Mrs. Woodsum to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm, **second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Parks, Board Secretary