

Readfield Select Board

Regular Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 11, 2021

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

Excused: Christine Sammons

Others Attending: Eric Dyer (Town Manager), William Starrett (Channel 7), Kristin Parks (Board Secretary), Romaine Turyn, Cliff Buuck, Alan Hill, Joyce Hill

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

- **21-063 – Minutes: Select Board meeting minutes of December 14, 2020**
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of December 14, 2020 as presented, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 3-0 in favor.
- **21-064 – Warrants: #25-28 (FY21)**
 - Mrs. Sammons reviewed Warrants #25 & 26; Mr. Bourgoine gave a review due to Mrs. Sammons excused.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to approve warrants #25-26 in the amount of \$67,636.14, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.
 - Mr. Eno reviewed Warrants #27&28
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Eno to approve warrants #27-28 in the amount of \$372,496.63, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.

Communications

- **Select Board Communications**
 - Mrs. Woodsum: Mentioned that the LED lights are fantastic and a lot less money
- **Town Staff Reports**
 - Mr. Dyer went over his Town Manager Report dated 01-11-2021
- **Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments**
 - Romaine Turyn of the Age Friday Committee requested approval from the Select Board for the Maine Life Long Community Grant for up to \$2,500. Looking at spending about \$500 to buy a bench to be placed at the hill at the top of the Maranacook Trails and the rest on blue stone for the trails.
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve the town to pursue the Maine Life Long Community Grant as presented by Romaine Turyn, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.
- **Public Communications - *Members of the public may address the Select Board on any topic***
 - None

Appointments, Reappointments & Resignations:

- **21-065 – Consider the resignation of Deb Doten from the Cemetery Committee**
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to accept the resignation of Deb Doten from the Cemetery Committee with regrets, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.

Readfield Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 11, 2021

Old Business:

- **20-102 – Discuss the local COVID-19 situation and response and take necessary action**
 - Mr. Dyer gave an update. Town staff still following standard protocols for residents along with fellow staff. Fire department members to get vaccinated promptly.
 - Mr. Bourgoine wanted to thank all the staff as it hasn't been easy.

New Business:

- **21-066 – Consider a consent agreement for the property at Map 120, Lot 037**
 - Cliff Buuck, Interim CEO, updated the Select Board on the situation for the property located at Map 120/Lot 037 and reviewed the Consent Agreement. Property violation and project is already building is already built. Partial fault of property owner and of the town, permit issued based on just paperwork and not site visit. Not proposing any fines, doesn't see an intentional act. Storm water plan to be done and in process of being completed.
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum for the Select Board to approve the consent agreement between the Town of Readfield and Alan and Joyce Hill and the Town Manager to sign, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 4-0 in favor
- **21-067 – Consider the location and installation of four new streetlights**
 - Mr. Dyer went over the four locations as included in the packet: Gorden Rd & Rt 17, Plains Rd & Rt 17, Old Fairgrounds Rd & Rt 17 and Lane Rd & P Ridge Rd.
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to direct the Town Manager for the street light installation as presented in the packet, **second** by Mr. Eno. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.
- **21-068 – Consider next steps for investigating broadband internet and the possibility of a local Fiber to the Home (FTTH) network**
 - Discussion amongst Select Board on information included in the packet. 250 +/- responses on internet survey. Would like to see more public input and take more time before placing on town ballot due to planning, timing and budget. More timing and planning will hopefully help with more community input and involvement. MIL rate impact over a time period of 5 years along with other financial impacts. Internet connection issues are a big impact for residents.
 - Consensus of Select Board to hold off on putting anything on the March Ballot. Straw pole for June where there will be more participation.
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum that the Select Board move forward with a straw pole question/questions for the June Town Warrant and that we reform the broadband committee immediately to pursue with the Select Board and the internet situation in Readfield, **second** by Mr. Eno. **Discussion:** Make sure to get a wide range of individuals on the committee that could help benefit towards the committee for input. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.
- **21-069 – Consider any potential ordinance changes for the June Town Meeting**
 - Mr. Bourgoine to work on revising the SB Governance Operating Policies.
 - Mr. Price noticed the General Assistance Ordinance hasn't been revised in 16 years and the Property Tax Relief passed in 2018. Look into the Tax Relief Ordinance for discussion.

Readfield Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes – Monday, January 11, 2021

- **21-070 – Discuss the recent Parks and Recreation Workshop and consider next steps to include development of a 5-year plan**
 - Discussion amongst the Select Board on the information included in the packet and on the direction to go and if there is a Select Board member that would like to work on/with the group.
 - Mr. Bourgoine to work on this committee.

Other Business, Upcoming Meetings & Future Agenda Items:

- None

Motion made by Mrs. Woodsum to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm, **second** by Mr. Eno **Vote** 4-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Parks, Board Secretary