

Readfield Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes – March 7 – *Approved*

Select Board Members Present: Thomas Dunham, Christine Sammons, Bruce Bourgoine, and Allen Curtis

Absent: Valarie Pomerleau

Others Attending: Eric Dyer (Town Manager), Kristin Parks (Board Secretary), William Starret (Channel 7), Bruce Chandler Jr., Grace Keene, John Parent, William A. Bayreuther, Cricket Blouin, Debora A. Doten, John Blouin, Pete Davis, Kathryn Woodsum, Dana M. Therrien, Elaine Stanley, John Stanley, John Perry, Marianne Perry, Marie Barengo, Peter Barengo, Sam Tippet, Tamara Whitmore (Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed), Lawrence Perkins, Fran Zambella, Marion Dunham

Mr. Dunham called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in remembrance of Stefan Pakulaski, former Town Manager of Readfield.

Regular Meeting

- **16-104 - Minutes:** Select Board meeting minutes of February 22, 2016
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting as presented, **second** by Mr. Curtis. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.
- **16-105 - Warrant: #37 & #38**
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to approve Warrant #37 & #38 in the amount of \$ 347,202.91, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.

Communications

- **Select Board Communications**
 - Apology to the person who rented the hall this past weekend as there was a miscommunication with who would open the building.
 - Mr. Dunham spoke regarding the recourse on former staff and legal advice regarding the truck.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Dunham to reopen the amended motion that passed 3-2 regarding pursuing any legal advice from MMA on the recourse of former staff pertaining to the town truck, **Second** by Mrs. Sammons, **Vote** 3-1, opposed by Mr. Curtis due to voting against the original amended motion.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Dunham that we do not pursue any legal opinion from MMA on any recourse towards former town employees regarding the truck, **Second** by Mr. Bourgoine. **Vote** 4-0.
 - Mr. Dunham spoke regarding getting all of the committee's information that the Appointment Procedure Adhoc Committee group is gathering. They would like to hear back from all the committees by April 5. Mr. Dyer to follow up and make sure all committees have received the request that has been sent out.
 - Roadway Fundamentals Training coming up Tuesday, April 5 from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the Elks Lodge in Augusta. Mr. Chandler is attending and it is recommended that anyone else who may be interested in attending to attend, especially those on the road committee.
- **Town Manager**
 - Mr. Dyer went over his Town Manager Report dated for Monday, March 7, 2016.

- **Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments**
 - **02-03-2016 Approved Library Board Meeting Minutes**
 - Thank you for submitting your minutes.
- **Public Communications - *Members of the public may address the Select Board on any topic***
 - Fran Zambella spoke regarding the Maranacook Dam fund and why it was costing so much for the project and if any fundraising has been done to help with the construction of the project.
 - Debora Doten asked if there was any more discussion with town meeting and a facilitator. Mr. Bourgoine to follow up with Ms. Pomerleau and will get back with an answer.

Unfinished Business:

- **16-091 – Presentation by Sam Tippet – Municipal Investments**
 - Sam Tibbett went over the documents presented in the packet. Discussion between the Selectboard and Sam Tippet. This was the same investment as in 2010. It is a discretionary fund and changes can only be done if requested by the Town Manager. There are no ongoing fees, transaction fees are the only fees involved.
- **16-084 – Update on bids and repair quotes for the 1-Ton truck**
 - Mr. Dyer went over the request for bids and repair quotes information as presented in the packet. Continuing to look at maintenance and repair opportunities. Did clarify with Quirk that what they were proposing on the truck quote was true to the town. Also included in the packet was some feedback from other town managers regarding truck suggestions. Goal is to have a full set of options presented to the Selectboard 2 weeks from today at the next meeting.
 - Mr. Chandler spoke regarding further research he has been doing regarding the truck.
- **16-101 – Discussion of a possible Charter Commission Warrant Article**
 - Mr. Dyer went over the charter information in the packet. Discussion amongst the Selectboard regarding the information presented, the secret ballot and a charter and if this was too much information given at one time regarding this topic. Suggested to get everyone educated and a better understanding of what it is. Keeping cost in mind and staff time. Move forward with care.
 - Marion Dunham spoke regarding a Charter Commission and her feelings on having one for the Town of Readfield and the best way for secret ballot to work is by having a charter.
 - Debora Doten spoke regarding the Secret ballot and charter commission. Sees the pros and cons but also feels that going a little slower and spending more time on it is a good idea.

New Business:

- **16-106 – Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed**
 - Tamara Whitmore of Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed went over the information presented in the Selectboard packet and the letter asking for funding in the amount of \$2,250 this year towards the prevention efforts in battling invasive Variable Leaf Milfoil in Readfield water ways.
- **16-107 – Maranacook Dam Project**

- Larry Perkins spoke regarding the information on the Maranacook Dam Project that was presented to the Selectboard in the packet. The dam is in terrible shape and needs to be fixed. Lengthy discussion between the Selectboard and Larry Perkins regarding the dam project.

- **16-108 – Town Manager 6 month review process and appointment of a Board process leader**

- Proposal template of the Town Manager 6 month review presented in the packet. Nomination made by Mrs. Sammons to appoint Mr. Bourgoine as the process leader for the review process of the Town Manager. Consensus of the board agrees to have Mr. Bourgoine as the leader. Mr. Dyer and Mr. Bourgoine to meet and get the process started. April 19th will be a scheduled Executive Session regarding the 6 month review process.

- **16-109 – 5th Draft of Budget presented**

- Mr. Dyer went over the changes that are presented in the 5th Draft of Budget since the combined meeting of the Selectboard and the Budget Committee.
- Discussion amongst the Selectboard regarding the budget and the changes that were presented.
- Mr. Dyer to put the names and numbers of State representatives and Senators on the town website for the public to contact and voice their opinions.

Motion made by Mr. Curtis to extend the meeting until 9:10 pm, **second** by Mr. Dunham. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.

Motion made by Mrs. Sammons to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm, **second** by Mr. Bourgoine. **Vote** 4-0 in favor.

Minutes recorded by Kristin Parks, Board Secretary