

## Readfield Select Board

### Regular Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2016

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

**Other Attending:** Eric Dyer (Town Manager), Robin Lint (Town Clerk), Bruce Chandler Jr. (Maintenance Dept.), Sue Reay, Lenny Reay, John Parent, Grace Keene, Peter Davis, Deb Doten, Clif Buuck, Barbara Bourgoine, Pam Osborn, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Sandra Rourke, Marion Dunham, Lorraine Wagner and Milton Wright

Ms. Pomerleau called to order at: 6:31 pm followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

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- **16-111- Minutes:** Select Board meeting minutes of March 5, 2016
  - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to approve the minutes of March 5, 2016 as amended, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 4-0-1 Valarie Pomerleau abstained because she was not present at the meeting.
- **16-105 - Warrant 39 & 40**
  - **Motion** by Mr. Bourgoine to approve Warrant #39 and #40 in the amount of \$41,023.37, **second** by Mr. Dunham. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

#### Communication

- **Select Board Communications**
  - Mrs. Sammons inquired about the Conflict of Interest Ordinance the first reading is a future agenda item.
  - Mr. Dunham said he had a complaint about the outside lights. The Town Manager will have them adjusted.
- **Town Manager:** Mr. Dyer went over his Town Manager's report (copy attached)
  - The Town Manager will advertise for the mowing positions on the Town's web site.
- **Board and Committees:** The Chair thanked several boards and committees for submitting their minutes.
- **Public Comments:**
  - Mr. Reay wanted to know when the town was going to spend the funds voted and approved by Town Meeting to repair the Town truck.

#### Appointments & Re-Appointments

- **16-113- Appoint Ballot Clerks ( List included)**

**Motion** by Mr. Bourgoine to appoint the list of ballot clerks for a two year term as presented, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **16-114 Amended appointment expiration dates for the Planning Board** members on the list submitted that should have been appointed for a five year term.

**Motion** by Mrs. Sammons to amend the Planning Board member's terms as submitted, **second** by Mr. Dunham. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

#### Unfinished Business

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- **16-084 – Bids and repair quotes for the 1-Ton truck**

- Town Manager included in the Select Board's packet a memo with the results of bids for repair and replacement options for the 1-ton.
- Mr. Dyer recommended that the Town purchase a new truck using emergency funds available to them this year. Mr. Dyer said we have an obligation and commitment to bring services to the Town that we are unable to currently accomplish.
- Mrs. Dunham said she wanted the new truck voted in by the citizens at town meeting.
- Mrs. Woodsum asked what the cost was for the current contractor plowing the town properties.
- Mr. Curtis said he would like to see the off road plowing go out to bid or included in the new RFP for snow plowing.
- Mr. Parent reminded the Board that several years ago the Town did put out an RFP with the services for on road and off road plowing in it.
- Mrs. Reay asked the Board check with Legal about using the emergency funds and also said that a new truck should go out to the voters.
- Ms. Pomerleau stated that if the town fixes the old truck the town should put a new truck in the CIP.

**Motion** by Mr. Bourgoine to move forward with the repair of the truck, **second** by Mr. Curtis.

**Discussion:** Mr. Dunham thinks Readfield Truck and Auto gave the most thorough estimate. Mr. Dunham went on to say Quirk's is not a thorough estimate and Johnny's Auto's is out of the picture because they don't want to do work.

- Mr. Chandler spoke about none of the quotes addressing the foundation of the truck, expressing that we shouldn't do all the other work if the town doesn't address the foundation (frame) of the truck first.
- Mr. Parent asked if there were any warranties for the work that will be done. Quirk was the only one that gave any type of warranty and that was just on the engine and transmission.
- Mrs. Wagner thanked Mr. Dyer and Mr. Chandler for all the work they had done gathering all the information.
- Mr. Davis said just by the new truck, Ms. Doten backed her husband's statement.

**Vote:** 4-1 with Mrs. Sammons voting in the negative.

- **16-100-Volunteer Appreciation Event:**

- Volunteer Appreciation Event will be held on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Readfield Public Beach (rain contingency at Giles Hall). Light refreshments will be served unless the people desire a potluck.

- **16-101-Charter Commission Discussion:**

- Mr. Dyer proposed a possible date of March 28 to hold a Select board workshop to have a discussion on a possible warrant article establishing a Charter Commission.
- Mr. Bourgoine said that he didn't think a charter warrant article is valid for this Town Meeting warrant.
- Ms. Pomerleau reminded the Board that the workshop was just to hold a discussion.
- Mrs. Woodsum felt the charter question was being rushed.

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- Mr. Parent said the charter should not be focused on one or two items that it should be more broad including ordinances and policies as well.
- Mr. Dunham stated that if we want to keep this way of voting then we need a charter.
- Mr. Dunham said he would like to see the Charter vote happen at the November elections because that would be when the best turn out would be.

**Motion** by Mr. Dunham to conduct a workshop to discuss the secret ballot town meeting and a charter on March 28 at 6:30 pm, **second** by Mr. Curtis. **Vote** 3-2 with Mr. Bourgoine and Mrs. Sammons voting in the negative.

- **16-108-Town Manager's Initial 6 months review**

- Mr. Bourgoine pulled together a 6 month review which is less formal then the yearly review.
- Mr. Bourgoine believed that the Board should speak with one voice.
- Two executive sessions will be set up to address and conduct the review.

**Motion** by Mr. Bourgoine to accept this process with consideration of reasonable editing, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

#### New Business

- **16-115-Tax Acquired Property**

- Mr. Dyer informed the Board on the progress of the three pieces of property that has been foreclosed on. The Select Board will address the foreclosures at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

- **16-116-Business & Personal Property Mailings**

- The packet included a letter that went out to business owners in town concerning personal property.
- The Select Board will look into the matter of whether the Town of Readfield wants to continue to charge for personal property next year. It could affect the revenue stream if the town does not charge for personal property

**Motion** by Mr. Bourgoine to add 15 minutes to the meeting, **second** by Mrs. Pomerleau. **Vote** 4-1 with Mr. Allen voting in the negative.

- **16-117 Solid Waste Proposal for Fayette**

- Mr. Dyer included a spreadsheet in the packet and a hand out during the meeting of a draft memo to the Readfield and Wayne Select Boards with two possible options of how the Transfer Station could handle the Town of Fayette's waste.
- Mr. Dyer explained that it would cost the Town of Readfield \$1,100 more to take on Fayette for the first year but would give Wayne a fairer cost per capita. After the first year the other two towns could split the equipment and capital lines with the town of Readfield and this would be where the savings would come from.

**Motion** by Mr. Dunham to extend the meeting till 9:35 pm, **second** by Ms. Pomerleau. **Vote** 4-1 with Mr. Curtis voting in the negative.

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- Mr. Dyer explained that it may be possible to require Fayette residents to keep the commercial haulers and that would not increase the foot traffic at the Transfer Station except on commercial hauler day.

**Motion** by Mr. Bourgoine to authorize the Town Manager to pursue a hybrid contract to share the operation and capital cost for a year, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 2-3 motion fails with Mr. Dunham , Mr. Curtis and Ms. Pomerleau voting in the negative.

**Motion** by Mr. Curtis to ask the Town Manager to develop an option 3 with the two towns that will include the capital cost and operational cost after the first year, **second** by Mrs. Sammons.

**Motion** by Mr. Dunham to extend the meeting till 10 pm, **second** by Ms. Pomerleau. **Vote** 2-3 with Mr. Bourgoine, Mrs. Sammons and Mr. Curtis voting in the negative.

- **Discussion:** Mr. Dunham felt the subject is too complicated and that before the Town takes on more volume and traffic we needed to analyze what is currently working and not.

**Vote** 4-1 with Mr. Dunham voting in the negative.

**Motion** by Mr. Bourgoine to table item numbers 16-118 and 16-119 and to take them up at the next meeting, second by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- 16-118 Consider a Financing RFP
- 16-119 Spirit of America Awards

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm

Minutes recorded by Robin Lint, Town Clerk