

**Readfield Select Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

**Select Board members present:** Valarie Pomerleau, Sue Reay, Greg Durgin, Allen Curtis, Thomas Dunham  
**Others attending:** Shannon Gould, Kristie Hutchinson (PEG TV), Teresa Shaw (Interim Town Manager), Robin Lint (Town Clerk), Elaine & John Stanley, Ann & Gary Keilty, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Christine Sammons, John Parent, Pete Davis, Milton Wright, Grace Keene, Lenny Reay, Sandra Rourke, Pamela Osborn, Gene Carbona, Francis Zambella, Henry Whittemore, Lorraine Wagner and Lawrence Dunn.

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Sue Reay, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

**(1) Minutes:**

- **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept the minutes of 2/9/15 as amended, **second** by Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 3-0 in favor with Mrs. Reay and Mr. Curtis abstaining because they were not present at the 2/9/15 meeting.

**(2) Warrant:** The warrant was reviewed by Ms. Pomerleau. **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept warrant #17 in the amount of \$57,550.14, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Mr. Curtis opposing.

**(3) Select Board communications and goals update:**

- Mrs. Reay said she wanted to disclose that her son use Reay Excavations loader during the last storm because the town contractor's loader had broken down. Mrs. Reay said she was notified the next morning of the use of their loader by her son.
- Mrs. Reay also mentioned that Mr. Curtis will be attending the February 25<sup>th</sup> RSU #38 meeting. The whole board will be attending the RSU meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Reay said the last day for Spirit of America nominations is Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Reay reminded the public that the board will be holding Public Informational Meetings on the Town Meeting ballot at 6 pm on March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Reay asked Mrs. Shaw to help research a moderator for the meeting.
- Ms. Pomerleau reported that she attended the Friends of the Library Cribbage and Scrabble Event. Ms. Pomerleau reported that about 25 participants attended.
- Mr. Dunham announced that just because he was on the board that he had not given up his right to research or investigate options in different matters. Mr. Dunham said he has had a discussion with Steve Langsdorfh about becoming legal counsel for the Town of Readfield and Mr. Langsdorfh said he would be willing to do it per his last bid. Mr. Dunham requested that this item be put on a future agenda.

**(5) Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments:** Mr. Carbona, Vice Chair and Board Secretary for the Public Works Adhoc Committee reported that the Public Works Adhoc Committee voted and requested that the Select Board disband the Committee.

**Motion** by Mr. Dunham to disband the Public Works Adhoc Committee, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 5-0 in favor.

**(6) Secret Ballot and Notes:** The following motions and votes were taken on the secret ballot:

- **Salaries Article:** **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept Salaries article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Taxes Payable & Interest Rate Article:** **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Taxes Payable & Interest Rate** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; Mrs. Reay made a motion to amend adding "pending putting in the interest rate". Amendment **seconded** by Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** on amendment 5-0 in favor, **vote** on original motion 5-0 in favor.

- **Payable Interest Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Payable Interest** article as read with “pending putting in the interest rate”, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Accept Payment on Taxes Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Accept Payment on Taxes** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Contracts & Leases Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Contract & Leases** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Sale of Surplus Property, Equipment & Tools: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Sale of Surplus Property, Equipment & Tools** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Gifts & Donations Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Gifts & Donations** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **General Government Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **General Government** article as read, second by Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 0-5, motion fails. **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **General Government** article as read, with the changes of total budget \$452,076, changing totals in Administration to \$299,370, CEO/LPI/BI to \$21,746 and Boundaries to \$2,500. **Second** by Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor with new numbers.
- **Boards & Commissions Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Boards & Commissions** article as read, second by Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 0-5 motion fails. Tabled until answers on the Conservation Commission equipment are worked out.
- **Buildings Operations & Maintenance Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Buildings Operations & Maintenance** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor. Read with \$35,708 for a total after removing \$2,000 from the Gile Hall account for cameras.
- **Community Services Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Community Services** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor. Read with \$59,122 for a total after removing \$500 from the Street Lights account.
- **Cemetery Maintenance Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Cemetery Maintenance** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor. Read with \$36,110 for a total.
- **Beach & Recreation Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Beach & Recreation** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor. Read with \$18,066 for a total.
- **Heritage Days Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Heritage Days** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Mr. Curtis voting against. Read with \$10,000 for a total.
- **Community Park Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Community Park** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 3-2 in favor with Mr. Curtis and Mr. Dunham voting against. Read with \$306 for a total.
- **Trails Committee Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Trails Committee** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 1-4 motion fails with Mr. Durgin the only one voting in the positive. Read with \$2,576 for a total.
- **Protection Department Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Protection Department** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor. Read with \$153,165 for a total.
- **Roads & Drainage Article:** Tabled, waiting on confirmation numbers for Summer Road account.
- **Capital Improvements Article:** Tabled, waiting for new articles separating Fairgrounds Athletic Fields and Transfer Station into one article and Equipment and Maranacook Lake Dam into another.
- **Solid Waste Department Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Solid Waste Department** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor. Read with \$256,195 for a total after removing \$2,000 from the Transfer Station line for cameras.
- **Regional Assessments Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Regional Assessments** article as read, second Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 3-2 in favor with Mr. Durgin and Mrs. Reay voting in the negative. Read with \$305,930 for a total.

- **Debt Service Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Debt Service** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor. Read with \$285,117 for a total.
- **Snowmobile Club Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Snowmobile Club** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Central Maine Agency on Aging Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Central Maine Agency on Aging** article as read, **second** Mr. Dunham; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Ms. Pomerleau voting in the negative. Read with \$1,441 for a total.
- **Kennebec Behavioral Health Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Kennebec Behavioral Health** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Ms. Pomerleau voting in the negative. Read with \$1,000 for a total.
- **Family Violence Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Family Violence** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Ms. Pomerleau voting in the negative. Read with \$1,312 for a total.
- **Courtesy Boat Inspection Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Courtesy Boat Inspection** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Ms. Pomerleau voting in the negative. Read with \$2,250 for a total.
- **Sexual Assault Agency Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Sexual Assault Agency** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Ms. Pomerleau voting in the negative. Read with \$910 for a total.
- **30 Mile River Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **30 Mile River** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Ms. Pomerleau voting in the negative. Read with \$231 for a total.
- **Enterprise Fund Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Enterprise Fund** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor. Read with \$10,000 for a total.
- **Revaluation Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Revaluation** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Mr. Curtis voting in the negative. Read with \$5,000 for a total.
- **General Assistance Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **General Assistance** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor. Read with \$4,710 for a total.
- **Overdrafts Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Overdrafts** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Cemetery Trust Funds Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Cemetery Trust Funds** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Expenditure of Revenues Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Expenditure of Revenues** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Revenues Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Revenues** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Mrs. Reay voting in the negative. Read with a total of \$912,103 taking \$10,000 from the State Revenue Sharing line and putting \$10,000 in the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax line.
- **Tax Acquired Property Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Tax Acquired Property** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Waiver of Foreclosure Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Waiver of Foreclosure** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Increase line item by 5% Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Increase line item by 5%** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Mrs. Reay voting in the negative.
- **Emergencies Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Emergencies** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Miscellaneous Fees Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Miscellaneous Fees** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1 in favor with Mr. Curtis voting in the negative.
- **Land Use Ordinance Article: Tabled**
- **Trails Agreements/Easements Article: Tabled**
- **Union House Trail Agreement Article: Tabled**

- **Acceptance of New Town Roads Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Acceptance of New Town Roads** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **Firearms Ordinance Article: Tabled**
- **Fire Department Ordinance Article: Tabled**
- **Tax Levy Article: Tabled**
- **Reduce the Total Tax Commitment Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Reduce th Total Tax Commitment** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 0-5 motion fails. Will revisit this article.
- **Administration Ordinance Article: Tabled**
- **Town Meeting Vote Article: Motion** by Mr. Durgin to accept **Expenditure of Revenues** article as read, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0 in favor.

**(8) Trail Easements Criteria-2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** Tabled

**(9) Foreclosure:** No action

**(10) Town Manager Search:** No action taken because of the busy schedule getting ready for the town meeting secret ballot and the public informational meetings.

Mr. Curtis wanted things to move along and not wait.

**Motion** by Allen Curtis to have the Select Board form a Town Manager's Selection Committee, the basic charge of a search committee is to generate a strong pool of candidates and advise the Town of Readfield Select Board of those candidates best qualified to meet the needs of the Town of Readfield, these duties shall be accomplished in a professional and timely manner and the search committee members should participate in the recruitment, interviewing, screening and evaluation of applicants, in addition, a clerical support person will be included as a non-voting member, and a budget of not to exceed \$750.00 will be at the disposal of the committee for clerical and advertisement processing. This amount of money will be funded by an account determined by the Readfield Select Board. The Town of Readfield Select Board will appoint 9 members of the search committee and the membership will be; 2 Select Board Members, 4 Readfield residents, (skills in hiring process required), 2 members/chair from boards, committees and commissions, 1 town employee-preferably town resident, and the select board will advertise for positions and interview all candidates who volunteer prior to appointment to the committee, the only exception will be the two select board members, they will be selected by the board and the composition of the committee should serve to advance the Town of Readfield's commitment to the principles of diversity and equal employment opportunity and the committee will serve until a contract is signed with a town manager. **Second** by Mr. Dunham. **Vote** 1-4 motion fails with Mr. Curtis the only one voting in the positive.

**(11) Regional Fuel Purchase Agreement:** Tabled with a few questions. Why didn't the purchases go with Fabian since they had the lowest bid? Mrs. Shaw said the pay time frame did not work because it was 14 days.

**(12) Road Budget Breakdown:** This was done when discussing the Summer Road Budget earlier.

**(13) Fire Department Ordinance:** **Motion** by Mr. Dunham to approve the Fire Department Ordinance as presented with the corrections, **second** by Mr. Durgin. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

**(14) Firearms Ordinance:** Tabled till a new map can accompany the ordinance.

**(15) Administrative Ordinance:** Add on the top of the ordinance a purpose: "The purpose of this ordinance is to give authorization of powers and duties of the board of selectpersons to manage the following non-budgetary items". Mrs. Reay checked with legal on the ordinance and 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7 should be removed. This item was tabled pending a clean copy.

**(16) Trails Easement:** Tabled

**(17) Outstanding Tax Due Policy:** This is an annual renewal with no changes made to the policy. **Motion** by Mrs. Reay to approve the “Outstanding Tax Due Policy”, **second** Mr. Dunham; **vote** 5-0 in favor.

**(18) Agreement on appropriate bargaining unit:** Town Clerk, Mrs. Lint, asked the Select Board to agree to let her become part of the unionized employees. Mrs. Lint is the only full time employee that was left out of the union twice by decision of the Maine Labor Board process. Mrs. Lint presented two ways the board could allow her to join the union expressing her desire to be treated the same way all other full time town employees would be with the exception of the town manager who will be a contract position. **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to allow Robin to be in the union by filing the MLRB Form 1 with the Maine Labor Board, **second** by Mr. Dunham. **Vote** 1-4 motion fails with Mr. Durgin being the only one voting in the positive.

**(19) Review of letters/emails from residents:** The Board discussed briefly how they were going to address the letters and e-mails from residents. This item will be up for discussion again at the next meeting.

**(20) Public Communication:**

- Mrs. Stanley was worried about parking for the public information meetings coming up and should the meeting be moved. This is the only place to have the meeting live and televised.
- Mr. Stanley said the board has violated their own communication policy and there is no enforcement of the policy. Mr. Stanley felt since there is no enforcement that the people are losing respect for the board.

Mrs. Reay adjourned the meeting at 11:28pm

Recorded by Robin Lint