

Readfield Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2017

Select Board Members Present: Bruce Bourgoine, Thomas Dunham, John Parent, Christine Sammons, and Kathryn Woodsum

Others Attending: Eric Dyer (Town Manager), Kristin Parks (Board Secretary), William Starrett (Channel 7), Sandra Rourke, Carolyn Armstrong, Richard Choate, Greg Durgin, Allen Curtis, Grace Keene, David Hepfner, Robert Henderson, Debora Doten, Matt Curtis, Val Pomerleau, Sean Goodwin (KCEMA), John Perry, Lee Mank (Readfield Fire Chief)

Regular Meeting

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

- **17-173 – Minutes: Select Board meeting minutes of April 3, 2017**
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Parent to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of April 3, 2017 as amended, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **17-174 – Warrants #43, #44 & #45**
 - Mr. Bourgoine reviewed Warrants #43, #44 & #45
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to approve Warrants #43, #44 & #45 in the amount of \$59,121.91, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Discussion:** Regarding RFP and Cemeteries/Wood/Brush Removal. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Communications

- **Select Board Communications**
 - Mrs. Sammons reminded everyone that the Union Meeting House is having a restoration fundraiser on Saturday, April 17 from 5:00-7:00 pm at MCHS and the cost is \$15.00.
 - Mr. Parent mentioned the Road Side Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 13. There is information in the Town Messenger and on the Website. Meeting at 9:00 am at the Fairgrounds parking lot, lunch will be provided. Looking for volunteers.
- **Town Manager's Report**
 - Mr. Dyer went over the Town Manager's report dated April 19, 2017
- **Treasure's Report (March)**
 - Mr. Dyer went over the Treasure's Report for March 2017
- **Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments**
 - Library Board minutes of March 1, 2017
 - *Thank you for submitting your minutes.*
- **Public Communications - Members of the public may address the Select Board on any topic**
 - Dave Hepfner asked if when reviewing the Budget/Warrant if discussion can be done at that time, was addressed that there will be time for public input during the review.

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New Business:

- **17-175 – Emergency Operations Plan Tabletop exercise**
 - Lee Mank, Readfield Fire Chief and Sean Goodwin from Kennebec Country Emergency Management Agency presented the Emergency Operation Plan Tabletop exercise.

Short Break

Old Business:

- **17-161 – Review of Draft Ordinances / Ordinance Amendments**
 - * **Board of Appeals Ordinance – proposed new – second reading**
 - Appeals Board meeting on April 24th at 5:00 pm for review.
 - Draft included in packet reflects changes from last discussion. A lot of great progress.
 - Mr. Curtis spoke regarding the progress the Board of Appeals is working on with the ordinance.
 - Ordinance came from different ordinances, state statute, different language from around the state and language pertinent to Readfield and the 1973 vote from Readfield.
 - Discussion amongst the Selectboard and public comments from Matthew Curtis.
- **17-169 – Final Budget & Warrant Approval**
 - Matthew Curtis spoke that he feels the residents really want to address the articles one at a time.
 - Dave Hepfner spoke on behalf of himself and his wife regarding Articles 12, 17, and 27
 - Allen Curtis spoke regarding Articles 3, 17, 27 and 42
 - Sandra Rourke spoke regarding Articles 16 and 17
 - Matthew Curtis spoke regarding Articles 8, 9 and 12
 - John Perry spoke regarding Article 27
 - Carolyn Armstrong spoke that she feels we should have went through each Article separately.
 - Greg Durgin spoke regarding Article 12
 - Bob Henderson spoke regarding the MIL rate and the taxes
 - Mr. Dunham would like to see the MIL rate stay at the current rate and not be changed.

Motion made by Mrs. Sammons to extend the meeting until 9:15pm, **second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- Selectboard review of Annual Town Meeting Warrant:
 - Articles 1 and 2: No recommendations needed
 - Article 3: There are 3 options presented on warrant and one submitted by Mr. Bourgoine. **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to approve option 4: Shall the town vote to confirm the term for Select Board elected on this day and at subsequent elections as being from the day of election until the day of the next election, effective 90 days from this vote? **Second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 4-1, opposed by Mr. Dunham.
 - Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7: No recommendations needed
 - Article 8: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 8 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Discussion**: Amendment of \$22,000. **Vote** 4-1, opposed by Mr. Dunham.

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- Article 9: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 9 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Discussion**: Amendment of Vehicle Maintenance to \$31,600 eliminating a new sidewalk holder. **Vote** 4-1, opposed by Mr. Dunham.
- Article 10: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 10 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- Article 11: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 11 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 4-1, opposed by Mr. Dunham.
- Article 12: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 12 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 4-1, opposed by Mr. Dunham.
- Article 13: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 13 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- Article 14: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 14 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 4-1, opposed by Mr. Dunham.
- Article 15: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 15 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- Article 16: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 16 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Discussion**: Mrs. Woodsum would like to withdrawal this article until the issues with the Dam are clarified, possibly separated in warrant articles as she is concerned with the Dam funds. **Vote** 3-2, opposed Mr. Dunham & Mrs. Woodsum.
- Article 17: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 17 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Discussion**: Mr. Dunham feels the money should be used for roads. **Vote** 4-1, opposed by Mr. Dunham.
- Articles 18 & 19: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 18 & 19 both with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- Article 20: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 20 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- Articles 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 all with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Discussion**: Mrs. Woodsum mentioned that they all applied by petition and we are required by law to have them on the Warrant. **Vote** 4-1, opposed by Mr. Dunham.
- Article 28: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 28 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- Articles 29, 30 & 31: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 29, 30 & 31 all with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Discussion**: Mr. Dunham doesn't feel that the \$5,000 amount is necessary in Article 31. **Vote** 4-1, opposed by Mr. Dunham.
- Article 32: No recommendations needed
- Article 33: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 33 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- Article 34: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 34 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Discussion**: Add 2017 Tax Commitment in place of Fiscal Year Ending 2018 Expenditures **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

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- Article 35: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 35 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Discussion**: Mr. Dunham spoke that he can't support the article without a policy in place. **Vote** 4-1, opposed by Mr. Dunham.
- Article 36: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 36 with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- Articles 37, 38, 39, 40 & 41: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 37, 38, 39, 40 & 41 all with a recommendation as yes, **Second** by Mr. Bourgoine. **Discussion**: Change and clarify the wording on the articles as discussed. **New Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Articles 37, 38, 39, 40 & 41 all with a recommendation as yes with language adjustment, **Second** by Mr. Dunham. **Vote on amended motion** 5-0 in favor. **Vote on original motion** 5-0 in favor.
- Article 42: **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve Article 42 "Should the Town continue to use the Secret Ballot process for the 2018 Annual town Meeting", **Second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Motion made by Mrs. Woodsum to extend the meeting until 9:45pm, **second** by Mr. Parent. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Future Agenda Items:

- Public Hearing for Ordinances – reschedule the date that was set for Monday, April 24 to a date in May.

Motion made by Mr. Parent to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Parks, Board Secretary