

Readfield Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, February 16, 2021

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

Others Attending: Eric Dyer (Town Manager), William Starrett (Channel 7), Kristin Parks (Board Secretary), Dan Wells, Grace Keene, Melanie Lanctot, Patrick McCormick

Mr. Bourgoine called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

- **21-080 – Minutes: Select Board meeting minutes of February 1, 2021**
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Price to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of February 1, 2021 as presented, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **21-081 – Warrants: #32-33 (FY21)**
 - Mr. Eno reviewed Warrants #32-33
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Eno to approve warrants #32-33 in the amount of \$372,538.84, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Communications

- **Select Board Communications**
 - Mr. Price: Heritage Days will happen this August around town at the beach, trails, fairgrounds and downtown. Ideas or volunteer contact Dennis.
 - Mrs. Woodsum: Moving along with a newish broadband committee with new members being approved tonight.
 - Mr. Eno: Spoke about the Comprehensive Plan and a subcommittee meeting.

- **Town Staff Reports**
 - Review of January Treasurers Report

- **Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments**
 - Budget Committee minutes of January 14 & 28, 2021
 - Library Board minutes of January 13, 2021
 - Solid Waste & Recycling Committee minutes of July 15 & October 21, 2020

- **Public Communications - Members of the public may address the Select Board on any topic**
 - None

Appointments, Reappointments and Resignations:

- **21-082 – Consider the appointment of Sonya Clark as Warden for the March 9th Special Election**
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to appoint Sonya Clark as Warden for the March 9th Special Election as presented, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **21-083 – Consider the appointment of a slate of Ballot Clerks for the March 9th Special Election**
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to appoint the 20/21 ballot election clerks for the March Election as presented in the packet, **second** by Mrs. Sammons. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

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- **21-084 – Consider the appointment of a slate of members to the ad hoc Broadband Internet Committee**
 - Dan Wells & Patrick McCormick both present and both gave brief introductions.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to appoint the slate of members as stated in the packet to the ad hoc Broadband Internet Committee, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Discussion:** Mrs. Woodsum mentioned that the goal is to have everyone in town have broadband fiber internet available at an affordable cost. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **21-085 – Consider the appointment of Karen Peterson to the Cemetery Committee**
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to appoint Karen Peterson to the Cemetery Committee for a term ending June 30, 2023, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Old Business:

- **20-102 – Discuss the local COVID-19 situation and response and take any necessary action**
 - Mr. Dyer gave a brief review of the information in the packet on town operations. The Fire Department has gotten their first round of vaccinations. He is looking to hiring a temporary part time administrative support staff person.

- **21-069 – Consider any potential ordinance changes for the June Town Meeting**
 - LUO Changes
 - Warrant Article from Town Clerk “Declaration of Write-In Candidacy and Counting Write-In Votes”. Review by Select Board on clarity and wording. Would like MMA and Legal Review to do a draft and make more specific to Readfield. Would not go into effect until next year’s election.

New Business:

- **21-086 – Consider a Maine Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution**
 - Melanie Lanctot reviewed her power point presentation “Carbon Cashback – A Resolution for Readfield Town Meeting 2021.” There are about 50 other Maine towns already involved.
 - **Motion** made by Mr. Bourgoine to add to the warrant articles with language to be redefined to warrant questions in Readfield, **second** by Mr. Price. **Discussion:** Mrs. Woodsum would like to see this go thru the petition process and Mr. Eno agrees as they would rather the residents have a say. This will still be voted on by the residents and made clear not endorsing, just making it available to voters. **Vote** 4-1, opposed by Mrs. Woodsum.

Old Business continued:

- **21-073 – Consider a draft of the FY22 municipal budget**
 - Review of FY22 Budget in packet by Mr. Dyer. This is the 3rd draft and has been thru every department so pretty much the compete budget.

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New Business continued:

- **21-087 – Consider prior year abatements for homestead exemption for Map 128, Lot 105**
 - Homestead Application received in 2016 not recorded. Abatement is going back 3 years.
 - **Motion** made by Mrs. Woodsum to approve the 3 certificate of abatements for Rooney for three years as presented, **second** by Mr. Price. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Motion made by Mr. Bourgoine to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) at 8:01 pm and at the end of the session to adjourn the Select Board meeting with no further action and to invite the Town Manager into the Executive Session, **second** by Mrs. Woodsum. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Parks, Board Secretary