

Readfield Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2023 – unapproved

Select Board Members Present: Dennis Price (Chair), Kathryn Woodsum, Sean Keegan, Steve DeAngelis, Carol Doorenbos

Excused Absent:

Others Attending: Eric Dyer (Town Manager), Anjelica Pittman (Board Secretary)

Pledge of Allegiance

Regular Meeting Items – 5 min.

23-084 – Minutes: Select Board Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023.

- **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve as amended today, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0** in favor

23-085 – Warrants #33-34

- **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve, **seconded** by Steve, **vote 5-0** in favor

Communications – 15 min.

Select Board Communications – 5 min.

- Kathryn reminded everyone that March is full of meetings:
 - March 13, 2023 – Select Board Meeting
 - March 15, 2023 – School Board Meeting with Select Boards
 - March 22, 2023 – Public Budget Meeting/Hearing: Public Comment and Recommendations on Draft Budget
 - March 27, 2023 – Select Board Meeting
- Steve will be absent for the March 15, 22 & 27, 2023 meetings
- Carol thanked all who attended the Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting last Saturday, 20+ residents were in attendance.
- Carol asked how the budget articles are written for the Town Meeting ballots and the Eric and Board members explained the process.
- Carol asked if there was any money saved for the purchase of a new fire truck and Eric explained that there is a \$75K out of reserve for the new fire truck purchase and anything with bonding is a separate item. The fire truck has already been pushed out 5 years, it will take 2 years to receive the truck once ordered, the cost of buying and borrowing are likely to increase, and that the only amount due this year would be on interest.

Boards, Committees, Commissions, & Departments – 5 min.

- Thank you to Age Friendly and Comprehensive Plan Committee for submitting minutes

Public Communications – 5 min.

- None

Appointments, Reappointments, and Resignations – 5 min.

23-086 – Consider the resignation of Kevin Kelliher from the Recreation Board

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- With regret and appreciation for his time and commitment, Kathryn **motioned** to approve the resignation of Kevin Kelliher from the Recreation board, Sean **seconded** and the board and Eric expressed appreciation and well wishes to Kevin. **Vote 5-0** in favor.

Old Business – 10 min.

23-077 – Budget Update – 5 min.

- Eric briefed the board on updates from the Budget Committee meeting February 15, 2023, included in the packet.
- The revaluation process will be a 4 year process, money for that already set aside, no tax impact.
- Joe Pietroski planning to attend the March 13, 2023 Select Board meeting. County budget is a 6.6% increase.
- 1.5% increase overall for the municipal budget including the new fire truck.
- Kathryn asked Eric to put the update as a standalone item on the website and Eric responded that it is in the messenger and on Facebook.

23-083 – Consider approval of Commercial Hauler permits for the Transfer Station – 5 min.

- Kathryn **motioned** to approve annual permit applications for Archie’s and Galouch Commercial Haulers, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0** in favor.

New Business – 25 min.

23-087 – Consider a draft Readfield Beach Ordinance – 10 min.

- Due to the change of the beach from a membership only private beach to public there is a need for ordinance as the use has increased.
- The board discussed changes in the draft beach ordinance including some reorganization. Sean requested that the parties of 1-10 reservation requirements be bumped up to 20-50 or 50-100. Sean also mentioned changing the strict no camping/tenting portion of the policy be opened up to a request for Select Board approval.
- Kathryn had some reorganization and grammatical edits. Kathryn also mentioned posting water test results at the beach for easy access.
- Carol asked to change the price for daily guest passes be \$10 for 2 guests and \$20 for 3+ guests
- The board and Eric also discussed parking and night parking regulations

23-088 – Consider petition requests for the Town Meeting Warrant – 10 min.

- **Motion** to approve petitions for funding requests for boat inspections by Cobbossee Watershed and annual town donation to the Maranacook Food Pantry made by Kathryn and **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0** in favor.
- **Motion** to deny the petition for the Safe Space Meeting House on the advice of the town’s legal counsel, the petition does not have the language of an ordinance. Sean **seconded**, **vote 5-0** in favor.

Other Business, Upcoming Meetings, and Future Agenda Items – 5 min.

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- The Select Board will hold an Executive Session meeting to discuss the Town Manager Annual Review pursuant to 1 M RSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A).

Kathryn **motioned** to go into executive session at 7:40PM, Sean **seconded**, **vote 5-0** in favor.

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by Anjelica Pittman, Board Secretary