

Readfield Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2023 – Approved

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), Deb Carey, Greg Durgin, Sandra Rourke, Robert Bittar, Leah Hayes, Joe Pietroski

Executive Session – 60 min.

- The Select Board will hold an Executive Session meeting to discuss legal matters pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(E).

Pledge of Allegiance (regular meeting begins – 6:30)

Regular Meeting Items – 5 min.

23-089 – Minutes: Select Board Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023.

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

23-090 – Warrants #35-36

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

Communications – 25 min.

Select Board Communications – 5 min.

- Kathryn - Sidewalks clear and look amazing, maintenance crew doing a fantastic job.
- Carol – Sand wasn't moved to a more accessible area at the Transfer Station, Eric – always available, cautious to put near the road since it is for residents only, happy to provide sand for those in need, if the board wants to look at a different arrangement we can look into that, cannot have in the sand/salt shed because contractor equipment is stored there. Kathryn suggested keeping some outside of the town office. Kathryn will put it on the agenda for the Solid Waste committee meeting in April to come up with a solution for next year.

Staff Reports – 10 min.

- Town Manager Report – Given by Eric
- Treasurer's Report – February

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

- Board and Committee Minutes (listed separately)

Public Communications – Members of the public may address the Select Board - 5 min.

- Greg Durgin – Greg addressed the board about a mailer that was sent out to Readfield residents that he called a diatribe on town officials and Comp Plan Committee members regarding the Comp Plan. Greg stated that the Comp Plan meetings have been open to the public and the minutes are completed by a nonmember. Greg stated that town officials in Readfield are good people and he supports them. Carol

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did ask if the draft can be made available prior to April which was explained that the draft is incomplete as of yet and still in the discussion phase, but that all of the meeting minutes and any related information can be found on the website. The draft will be available before April.

- Bob Bittar – Bob had difficulty finding Comp Plan information on the website, he believes his existing building could be used for a community center and is concerned that the town will build one in the future through the Comp Plan update.
- Joe Pietroski – Winthrop resident and County Commissioner attended to discuss the proposed budget plan for the county and explained areas that he and the county officials are trying to cut back. He encouraged the town to work alongside other towns in areas such as dispatch and dams, where needed. He also asked for input from the town where things could be improved.

Appointments, Reappointments, and Resignations – 5 min.

23-091 – Consider the appointment of Deb Carey to the Age Friendly Committee

- Deb is a retired teacher and has lived in Readfield for 42 years; she lost her husband a year and a half ago and wants to fill her time with service to her community. She attended her first Age-Friendly meeting and everyone was very welcoming and friendly.
- Sean **motioned** to approve Deb’s appointment to the Age Friendly Committee beginning tonight through June 30, 2024, Kathryn **seconded**, **vote 5-0** in favor

Old Business – 20 min.

23-077 – Budget & Warrant review – 15 min.

- Eric provided an update and synopsis of the current budget draft to include changes and revisions as well as an idea to create a policy to separate out Capital budget article items over a certain threshold. The board went through and discussed every proposed Article for the Town Meeting in June.
- Sean **motioned** to extend the meeting 40 minutes, **seconded** by Kathryn, **5-0 vote** in favor.
- Sean **motioned** to extend the meeting for 30 minutes, Kathryn **seconded**, **5-0 vote** in favor.

23-087 – Consider a 2nd draft Readfield Beach Ordinance – 5 min.

- Kathryn **motioned** to accept the beach ordinance as written, **seconded** by Sean. **Vote** in favor **5-0**

New Business – 30 min.

23-092 – Consider a proposal from Girl Scout Troop 1701 for amenities at the Readfield Beach – 5 min.

- Sean **motioned** to approve Carol **seconded**, vote 5-0 in favor

23-093 – Consider a Contract renewal for the Town Manager – 5 min.

- The board is grateful to have Eric in town, and thank you to Eric for staying with Readfield. Dennis **motioned** to approve, Steve **seconded**, **vote** in favor **5-0**.

23-094 – Consider forming an ad-hoc committee to assist with Franchise negotiations with Charter and continue to investigate and propose ways to improve internet service in Readfield – 5 min.

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- Authorizing this ad-hoc committee to be formed and looking for residents to join. Eric invited previous members from the Broadband Committee to join as well as other folks in town who had thoughts and involvement in the discussion last year. **Motion** made by Kathryn **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0** in favor

23-095 – Consider a consulting agreement to map the extent of un-cabled locations in Readfield- 5 min.

- Sean **motioned** to accept, Steve **seconded**, **vote** in favor **5-0**. Kathryn made an amendment to the **motion** to authorize up to the \$1700 fee from the Select Board contingency line, **seconded** by Sean, **vote** in favor **5-0**
- Kathryn **motioned** to extend the meeting another 5 minutes, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0** in favor.

23-096 – Consider a six-month Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Service Agreement – 10 min.

- Kathryn **motioned** to approve, Sean **seconded**, **vote** in favor **5-0**.

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

- **Motion** made by Steve to adjourn at 9:13PM, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0** in favor

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by Anjelica Pittman, Board Secretary