

Readfield Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes – Monday, March 15, 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), Grace Keene

Mr. Bourgoine called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

- **21-088 – Minutes: Select Board meeting minutes of February 16, 2021**
 - **Motion** made by Bruce to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of February 16, 2021 as presented, **second** by Kathryn. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **21-089 – Warrants: #36-37 (FY21)**
 - Ralph reviewed Warrants #36-37
 - **Motion** made by Ralph to approve warrants #36-37 in the amount of \$393,675.30, **second** by Kathryn. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Communications

- **Select Board Communications**
 - Bruce: Recently attended the RSU38 joint meeting, there will be an increase but they are not at the final bottom line yet.
 - Dennis: Heritage Days planning committee is looking for members from committees, the public or anyone who has experience in planning or wants to volunteer. Contact him via email/phone.
 - Dennis: Was contacted by a tax payer regarding the fee schedule at the transfer station. Would like to see the possibility of the fee for light bulbs be removed as more would probably be recycled them thrown away.
 - Dennis: Nomination papers are available at the Town Office with 2 spaces on the Select Board.
 - Kathryn: Was going over the latest Maine Town & City publication and asked if the town has a local health officer (Yes - Oscar Feagin), reminder that this year is the Maine 201 Bicentennial Celebration and also that Select Board members can socialize just not conduct official business.

- **Town Staff Reports**
 - Town roads are posted. Please follow the rules as it cost thousands of dollars in repairs.
 - There were 10 bids received for the paving project and were lower than expected. Road committee is meeting this week and will make a recommendation and will be on the next select board agenda.
 - Received 2 bids for the cemetery tree work – authorized the sexton to go with the lower bidder which was Stevenson Solutions.
 - Snowplowing RFP is up on the website and are accepting bids up until 4/15/2021.
 - There was a lot of activity at the beach this winter with the derby and ice skating.
 - The transfer station should have internet within the next 2 months, looking to accept credit cards.
 - The town office is open to foot traffic within a minimum of 2 people in the lobby at a time.
 - The town is hiring for multiple positions: FT Beach Supervisor, Seasonal grounds and beach positions, Town Clerk and Code Enforcement Officer.

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- **Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments**
 - Trails Committee minutes of October 27, 2020 & January 26, 2021
 - Library Board minutes of February 3, 2021
- **Public Communications - Members of the public may address the Select Board on any topic**
 - Kathryn wanted to say thank you to everyone who helped at the polls last week.

Appointments, reappointments and Resignations:

- **21-090 – Consider the resignation of Deborah Nichols as Town Clerk**
 - **Motion** made by Bruce to accept the resignation of Deborah Nichols as Town Clerk with regrets, **second** by Kathryn. **Vote** 4-1, no by Bruce.

Old Business:

- **21-073 – Consider a draft of the FY22 municipal budget**
 - Review of changes by Eric with screen sharing.
 - Discussion by Select Board on changes and suggestions.

New Business:

- **21-091 – Consider an increase to Select Board stipends**
 - Information in packet is for increase for members to be \$650.00 to \$1000 and Chair to receive an additional \$500.00 instead of \$1,000. Budget increase from \$4,750 to \$5,500.
 - Recommended by Kathryn to have Chair receive the additional \$1,000. Final budget \$6,000.
- **21-092 – Consider a Liquor License renewal for the Weathervane Restaurant**
 - **Motion** made by Bruce to waive the public hearing for the license renewal, **second** by Kathryn. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
 - **Motions** made by Kathryn to approve the liquor license renewal for the Weathervane Restaurant, as presented, and authorize the Select Board to sign, **second** by Chris. **Discussion:** Thank you to the Weathervane. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **21-093 – Consider the approval of a Shoreland septic holding tank for Map 134/Lot 008**
 - **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve the subsurface wastewater disposal system applications as presented in the packet and authorizes the select board to sign, **second** by Bruce. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Other Business, Upcoming Meetings & Future Agenda Items:

- Upcoming meetings:
 - Next Select Board meeting March 29, 2021
 - Following scheduled for April 20th, May 17th June 7th & June 21st.

Motion made by Bruce to go into executive sessions at 7:50 pm and invite the Town Manager to attend to discuss personnel matters pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) and adjourning the meeting afterwards without any actions or vote, **second** by Chris. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

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Executive Session:

- **To have the Select Board hold an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A).**
 - Bruce took us to the Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pursuant to 1 MRSA, Section 405, subsection 6(A) at 7:50 PM. There will be no action taken when we come out of the Executive Session.
 - We came out of the Executive Session at 8:34 pm and Kathryn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dennis seconded it. It passed 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Parks, Board Secretary