

**Readfield Select Board**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2023 – Approved**

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**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), Allen Curtis, Stephanie Rioux, Grace Keene

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Regular Meeting Items – 5 min.**

23-104 – Minutes: Select Board Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2023.

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

23-105 – Warrants #39-40

- **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve warrants 39 & 40, **seconded** by Steve, **vote 5-0** in favor

**Communications – 25 min.**

Select Board Communications – 5 min.

- Sean thanked the Rec Board for hosting annual Easter egg hunt, was well attended and a great time.
- Steve updated the board about his meeting with surrounding towns select boards to find ways to work collaboratively with the RSU to get more access to the community schools as community centers. Early May will look at revisions to the current policy. Three areas - restrooms access by the track, a process to allow small groups of adults...possibility of opening the school gym or hallways for senior citizens to walk during the winter.
- Carol discussed her opposition to the town purchasing anymore Open Space than what we currently have.

Staff Reports – 10 min.

- Town Manager Report
- Treasurer's Report - March

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.

None

**Old Business – 55 min.**

23-067 – Discuss the Comprehensive Plan update process – 10 min.

- In work since 2020, last update was in 2009, there is much involvement from many different individuals. There are no plans to make any drastic changes, and the Comp Plan is a guide rather than a

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mandate. There is a wealth of information regarding the update process in the agenda packet on the town website. Reach out to Eric with any questions. Thank you to those who united, got involved and did the research and work to update the Comprehensive Plan for Readfield.

23-077 – Consider a final draft of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget & Warrant – 30 min.

- Articles 1-6 – Kathryn **motioned** to accept articles 1-6 as presented in the packet, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0**
- Articles 7-10 – Kathryn **motioned** to accept articles 7-10 with a SB recommendation of *yes* **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0** in favor
- Article 11 – Sean **motioned** to accept Article 11 with a *yes* recommendation from the SB, **seconded** by Kathryn, **vote 5-0**
- Article 12-14 Kathryn **motioned** to accept with a *yes* recommendation from the SB **seconded** by Steve, **vote 5-0**
- Article 15 – Kathryn **motioned** to accept article 15 with the wording from bond council email of Friday April 7, with a SB recommendation of *yes*, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0**
- Article 16 – Kathryn **motioned** to accept article 16 as written in the supplemental email from legal counsel of Friday April 7 with a SB recommendation of *yes*, **seconded** by Steve, **vote 5-0**
- Kathryn **motioned** to have a new article 17 to say “shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$623,057 for the pumper tanker fire truck” with a SB recommendation of *yes*, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0**
- Article 17 - Sean **motioned** to accept \$574,225 for Capital Improvement budget category for remaining lines with a SB recommendation of *yes*, **seconded** by Kathryn, **vote 4-1** with Carol opposed. Carol requested that Open Space be separated out from Capital Improvements; other board members responded that there will be a June meeting with the Budget Committee to discuss options for separating out items from Capital Improvements for the next fiscal year’s budget.
- Article 18-20 – Kathryn **motioned** to accept as presented with the SB recommendation *yes*, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0**
- Article 21 – Kathryn **motioned** to accept as written with a SB recommendation of *yes*, **seconded** by Steve, **vote 5-0**
- Article 22-32 – Kathryn **motioned** to accept articles 22-32 as presented with the SB recommending *yes* **seconded** by Sean and Steve, **vote 5-0**
- Article 33 – Kathryn **motioned** to accept article 33 as presented with the SB recommending *yes* **seconded** by Steve, **vote 5-0**
- Article 34 - Kathryn **motioned** to accept article 34 as presented with the SB recommending *yes* **seconded** by Steve, **vote 5-0**
- Article 35-36 - Kathryn **motioned** to accept article 35 & 36 as presented with the SB recommending *yes* **seconded** by Steve, **vote 5-0**
- Article 37 - Kathryn **motioned** to accept article 37 as presented with the SB recommending *yes* **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0**
- Article 38 - Kathryn **motioned** to accept article 38 as presented with the SB recommending *yes* **seconded** by Sean, **vote 4-1** with Carol opposed.

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- Article 39 - Kathryn **motioned** to accept article 39 as presented with the SB recommending *yes* **seconded** by Steve, **vote 5-0**
- Article 40 & 41 - Kathryn **motioned** to accept article 40 & 41 as presented **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0**
- Article 42 - Kathryn **motioned** to accept article 42 as written **seconded** by Steve, **vote 5-0**
- Sean **motioned** to extend the meeting by 30 minutes **seconded** by Kathryn, **vote 5-0**

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

- **Motion** to approve the Transfer Station Commercial Haulers Annual Permit for James Diamond as it appears in the packet, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0**

23-094 – Consider a policy document for the Ad-hoc Connectivity Committee – 10 min.

- Kathryn **motioned** to create the ad-hoc committee as outlined in the memo, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0**

**New Business – 15 min.**

23-106 – Hear an update and consider a policy document for the Ad-hoc Fairgrounds Working Group – 10 min.

- Sean **motioned** to formalize the Ad-Hoc Fairgrounds Working group as presented, **seconded** by Steve, **vote 4-1** with Carol opposed

23-107 – Consider an abatement for Map 119 Lot 015 – 5 min.

- Sean **motioned** to approve the abatement in the amount of \$39.48 map119 lot 015, **seconded** by Kathryn **vote 5-0**

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

Change order by Pike for the Church Road Paving –

Sean **motioned** to approve the change order for Pike Industries in the sum of \$19908 **seconded** by Kathryn **vote 5-0**

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:43PM made by Sean **seconded** by Kathryn, **vote 5-0** in favor.

**Adjournment**

*Minutes submitted by Anjelica Pittman, Board Secretary*