

# Readfield Select Board

## Regular Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2023 – Approved

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

**Excused Absent:**

**Others Attending:** Eric Dyer (Town Manager), Anjelica Pittman (Board Secretary), Grace Keene, Joey, James Bourne, Penny Eno, Allen Curtis, Jennifer, M Clark, Homeowner (X5), Samsung, Poed Jo Taxpayer

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Regular Meeting Items – 5 min.**

23-117 – Minutes: Select Board Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2023.

- **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve as amended, **seconded** by Carol , **vote 4-0** in favor

23-118 – Warrants #45-46

- **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve warrants #45 & 46 in the amount of \$417,148.09, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 4-0** in favor

**Communications – 30 min.**

Select Board Communications – 5 min.

- Carol – Apologized for calling Cash’s donation of \$1000 to the Rec Board a donation to the basketball court. The donation was not specifically for the court or Fairgrounds project and Carol would like to clarify that for Cash.
- Kathryn – Ellis Construction dumped oil on the Town Office Parking lot and suggested sealcoating and painting, Eric stated the company will be doing a thorough cleaning as well.
- Dennis – Heritage Days planning is underway, there will be a Makers Market at the beach, a Community Fair where small businesses can come down and set up a table from 12-4. The Heritage Days Committee is also in search of a live band.
- Dennis - had someone contact him requesting putting a float in at the beach, and Dennis would like to see that happen this year. Eric will look at the beach budget.
- Dennis - Clarified his statements made prior to the application for the Liquor License for the Emporium at the last meeting regarding legal matters.
- Carol - responded to the Emporium Liquor License comments made by Dennis that the case had been dropped and Dennis and Eric clarified that that is not true and that there are still cases pending.

Staff Communication – 10 min.

- Treasurers Report -April
- Town Managers Report

Boards, Commissions, Committees & Departments – 5 min.

- Minutes from the Age Friendly Committee and Comprehensive plan committee

Public Communication – members of the public may address the Select Board – 10 min.

- A message in Zoom chat pointed out that the Town Website needed to be updated to reflect Karen Peterson as Transfer Station Manager.

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- Dave Linton – Would like to see committee openings posted on the home page of the Town Website. Dave also asked about Kathryn’s application to the Connectivity Committee due to the date of application being prior to the Committees Policy document being approved by the board. Eric will check if the committee was advertised as there are still seats available. Kathryn also explained that Eric had sent an email to those that were on the Broadband Committee to see if there was any interest, which Kathryn responded to.
- Brandon Fike – Asked about Dennis’ private Facebook postings following the last meeting.
- Greg Durgin – Volunteers on several committees, would step aside if there were more interest from others. Greg thanked those who set up the Fairgrounds meetings. Greg also mentioned anonymous articles he has read in the Community Advertiser regarding our town. Greg emailed Dave Linton and the Select Board members to ask if they were a member of the group “CSI” who have been writing the letters. Dave, Kathryn, Dennis and Sean all responded that they were not. Greg asked Carol if she is a member of that group since she did not respond. Carol responded that she is, it is a group of 30 or so people, she is inputting her opinion but she is not writing them.
- Greg Leimbach – Would like to know what the plan is to prepare the beach for summer. Dennis responded that beach attendants are being hired, that the board is looking at the budget to hopefully replace the old float. Eric added that the superintendent, Noah, has been hired, working Tuesday through Saturday.

### Appointments, Reappointments, and Resignations – 5 min.

23-119 - Consider the appointment of Rocko Graziano to the Connectivity Committee

- **Motion** to approve made by Kathryn, **seconded** by Carol from tonight until June 30, 2025, **vote 4-0** in favor

23-120 - Consider the appointment of Dan Wells to the Connectivity Committee

- **Motion** to approve made by Kathryn, **seconded** by Sean from tonight until June 30, 2025, **vote 4-0** in favor

23-121 - Consider the appointment of Kathryn Woodsum to the Connectivity Committee

- **Motion** to approve made by Sean, **seconded** by Carol from tonight until June 30, 2025, **vote 4-0** in favor

23-122 - Consider the appointment of Henry Whittemore to the Road Committee

- **Motion** to approve made by Kathryn from tonight through June 30, 2025, **seconded** by Carol, **vote 4-0** in favor

23-123 - Consider the appointment of Marilyn Palmer as Warden for the June 13, 2023 Town Meeting

- **Motion** to approve made by Carol, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 4-0** in favor

23-124 - Consider the appointment of a slate of Election Clerks for the June 13, 2023 Town Meeting

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- **Motion** to approve the slate of Election Clerks for June 13, 2023 Town Meeting made by Kathryn, **seconded** by Sean, **vote 5-0** in favor (Steve joined the meeting at this time)

**Old Business – 10 min.**

23-067 - Hear an update on the Comprehensive Plan - 5 min.

- Eric Public appreciates the discussion and broad-based input from residents that was had at the Public Hearing, a complicated document but not binding. All documents from the planning process are posted online and Eric also double checked dates items were made available. The Public Hearing is on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Carol stated that she is still reading through the plan but felt some wording was unnecessary.

23-106 - Hear an update from the Ad-hoc Fairgrounds Working Group - 5 min.

- Jerry Bley – the Working Group prepared a concept plan with help from Regina Leonard, presented at a public meeting last week, heard from a lot of folks who wanted a basketball court, the next meeting will be after the Town Meeting if voted through. Goal is to have a more in-depth plan with cost estimates available to be voted on by November. Carol asked about the softball season and basketball court and discussed options as well as asking how the Church Road Sidewalk project may tie together. Kathryn noted that softball is played more by adults than baseball so she thinks a softball field would get more use due to that. Sean added that the softball season could be longer than what the Rec season currently is, the opportunity for a longer season would be possible with a new softball field as many of the girls play for other towns in order to play more than six weeks.

**New Business – 20 min.**

23-125 - Hear an update from the Age Friendly Committee on their Readfield-U Program - 5 min.

- Cancelled

23-126 - Consider offering the 2023 Juneteenth Holiday to municipal employees - 5 min.

- **Motion** to recognize June 19<sup>th</sup> as the Juneteenth holiday for all town business made by Kathryn, **seconded** by **vote 5-0** in favor.

23-127 - Discuss the upcoming Heritage Days celebration in August - 5 min.

- This year Heritage Days is August 11 & 12. There will be the Library book sale, Story walk with Dale Potter Clark, Makers Market, and Community Fair, the Wine and Cheese celebration will be Friday evening, Saturday night will have the Spirit of America Awards pot luck to recognize award winners at Giles Hall followed by fireworks on the beach. Next Heritage Days Committee meeting is June 25<sup>th</sup>

- **Motion** to extend the meeting by five minutes made by Kathryn, **seconded** by Carol, **5-0 vote** in favor

23-128 - Consider an annual order on the application of tax payments - 5 min.

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- State statute requires the town to assign the order in which taxes are paid so the oldest are paid first, this order is done annually.

➤ **Motion** to accept the payment order made by Steve, **seconded** by Kathryn, **vote 5-0** in favor.

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

➤ **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM made by Sean, **seconded** by Kathryn, **vote 5-0** in favor.

**Adjournment**

*Minutes submitted by Anjelica Pittman, Board Secretary*