

Readfield Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2023 – Approved

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

Excused Absent:

Others Attending: Ralph Eno, Chip Stephens, David Linton, Melissa Small, Pamela Mitchell, Jennifer Worthing, Shawn Roderick, Nunzi Graziano

Pledge of Allegiance

Regular Meeting Items - 5 min.

23-129 - Minutes: Select Board meeting minutes of May 22, 2023.

- **Motion** made by Kathryn **seconded** by Steve as amended **vote 5-0** in favor

23-130 - Warrants: #47-48

- **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve warrants #47 & 48 **seconded** by Sean **vote 5-0** in favor

Communications - 30 min.

Select Board communications. - 5 min.

- Steve discussed his position on the Select Board and quoted Brett Stevens, concerning disagreeing respectfully, and working hard to understand where someone is coming from. He also mentioned misinformation that has been sent out through mailers in town. Specifically, misinformation surrounding Deb Nichols and Sherene Gilman signing NDAs when they left their jobs for the town. Those women along with two others sent in a letter (August 16, 2023) to be read aloud as public record that they did not sign NDAs and they left on good terms with the Town. Steve wants to encourage people to have affective dialogue even if they disagree.
- Carol responded that she has asked Bob to stop sending out angry letters. Carol also mentioned the Fairgrounds being voted down last year at Town Meeting and she is unsure if that was due to residents not wanting the project in the selected location or if the price was the reason it was voted down.

Staff communication - 10 min.

- Town Manager Report – Update given by Eric

Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments - 5 min.

- Board and Committee Minutes (listed separately)

Public Communication - Members of the public may address the Select Board - 10 min.

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- Ralph Eno – Thanked Steve for his comments. Wanted to personally voice his unequivocal support and thanks to the Select Board for being inclusive, civil and transparent and their ongoing service to the town. The Select Board is doing a good job.

Appointments, Reappointments, and Resignations - 5 min.

23-131 - Consider the appointment of Shawn Roderick to the Connectivity Committee

- **Motion** made by Kathryn effective tonight through 6/30/2025 **seconded** by Sean **vote 5-0** in favor

23-132 - Consider the appointment of Jennifer Worthing to the Recreation Board

- **Motion** made by Sean from tonight through 06/30/2025 **seconded** by Kathryn **vote 5-0** in favor

Old Business - 20 min.

23-115 - Consider a new liquor license application for the Readfield Emporium - 15 min.

- **Motion** made by Sean to deny the current application due to the parking lot not being ready, but will consider a future application approval if the requirements of the CEO and ordinance for the parking lot are met **seconded** by Kathryn **vote 5-0**

23-127 - Discuss the August 11-12 Heritage Days celebration - 5 min.

- Beginning Friday August 11 with a wine and cheese celebration, a Saturday morning book sale, history walk with Dale Potter Clark, kickball, a makers market and community fair, along with live music from the band Evans Hanes Trio from Wayne from 1-4, food will also be available sponsored again by the Weathervane. There will also be a pot luck for the spirit of America awards at Giles Hall. Contact Dennis if you have an organization and would like to be involved.

New Business - 45 min.

23-133 - Consider a special event liquor license for Kents Hill School - 5 min.

- **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve special liquor license at Kents Hill school as presented, **seconded** by Steve **vote 5-0** in favor

23-134 - Consider a grant application for Readfield Library building improvements - 5 min.

- **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve as presented **seconded** by Sean **vote 4-1** with Carol opposed.

23-135 - Consider a proposal for planned capital improvement work at the Readfield Library - 10 min.

- **Motion** made by Steve to authorize Eric to begin negotiations with Maine Highlands Contracting and return with a firm proposal, **seconded** by Kathryn **vote 5-0** in favor.

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23-136 - Consider a donation by Readfield Recreation to RSU #38 for a shared scoreboard - 5 min.

- **Motion** made by Sean to accept the donations of \$2500, **seconded** by Kathryn **vote 5-0** in favor

23-137 - Consider the purchase of a swim float and accessories for the Readfield Beach - 5 min.

- **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve the purchase of a swim float with anchor rope, attachment hardware, ladder and anchors not to exceed \$3000 from the beach capital reserve budget, **seconded** by Sean **vote 5-0** in favor
- **Motion** made by Kathryn to extend the meeting for 20 minutes, **seconded** by Sean **vote 5-0** in favor

23-138 - Consider user fees at the Readfield Beach - 10 min.

- **Motion** made by Sean to waive the launch fee of \$20 per season per family for a year to gather more data regarding the need or not for a launch fee, **seconded** by Carol.
- **Amendment to the motion** made by Kathryn to suspend the fee for a year and collect data over the course of the summer beach season over approximately how many vessels (canoes and kayaks) are launched, that are not already stored at the beach, **seconded** by Dennis, **vote 5-0** in favor
- **Motion** to suspend the launch fee with **amendment** to collect data for the year **seconded** by Kathryn, **vote 5-0** in favor

23-139 - Consider proposals for Road Striping and Marking services - 5 min.

- **Motion** made by Sean to accept the bid from Lucas Striping for striping services responsive to the RFP **seconded** by Kathryn **vote 5-0** in favor

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

- **Motion** made by Kathryn to allow the Library's request to apply for a micro grant for aging and dementia, **seconded** by Sean **vote 5-0** in favor

Motion to adjourn at 8:29pm made by Steve **seconded** by Carol **vote 5-0** in favor.

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by Anjelica Pittman, Board Secretary