

Readfield Select Board

Regular Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 15, 2021

Select Board Members Present: Carol Doorenbos, Ralph Eno, Sean Keegan, Dennis Price and Kathryn Woodsum

Others Attending: William Starrett (Channel 7), Eric Dyer (Town Manager), Kristin Parks (Board Secretary), Alfred Parks Sr. Lee Mank, Joel Parker, Travor Robinson, Travis Magnusson, Pam Osborn, Karen Magnusson, Grace Keene, Bruce Hunter, Tom Labrie, Multiple other ZOOM Participants

Regular Meeting:

Dennis called the Select Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

- **22-054 - Minutes: Select Board Meeting minutes of November 1, 2021**
 - **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of November 1, 2021 as presented, **second** by Sean. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **22-055 – Warrants: #19-20 (FY22)**
 - Kathryn reviewed Warrants #19-20
 - **Motion** made by Kathryn to approve warrants #19-20 in the amount of \$419,493.84, **second** by Ralph. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Communications

- **Select Board Communications**
 - Kathryn: Town Election was on November 2; all articles passed and can move forward with Broadband.

- **Town Staff Reports**
 - **Treasurers Report:** Review of October 2021 Treasurers Report & Kennebec Wealth Management Report
 - **Town Managers Report:** Review of Town Manager Report dated 11-15-2021
 - Eric went over the Planning Board’s decision for 26 Mill Stream in his report and recorded are recorded in these minutes below:
 - The Planning Board denied the application for a Community Center Club at 26 Mill Stream due to several unmet conditions. A key finding was that the property cannot be developed to a higher impact use after it was asserted to be a residential use in order for the barn to be built. The complete findings of Fact and Decision are included in the Select Board Packet. We are unfortunately expecting costly litigation despite a clear inability for the project to proceed. I am respectfully asking the Applicants and Bob Bittar to not waste tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars by bringing another frivolous lawsuit against the Town.
 - Eric mentioned that the Town Hall’s upstairs room is open to any and all groups including this group.

- **Board, Committees, Commissions & Departments**
 - Conservation Commission minutes of June 8, August 10 & September 14, 2021
 - Library Board minutes of October 16, 2021
 - Board of Assessors minutes of October 18, 2021

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- **Public Communications** - *Members of the public may address the Select Board on any topic*
 - Travis Magnusson; Maranacook High School Soccer Coach shared that they won the 2021 State Championship this year and wanted to thank everyone for their support.

Appointments, Reappointments & Resignations:

- **22-056 – Consider the resignation of Lisa Garside from the Conservation Commission**
 - **Motion** made by Kathryn to accept the resignation of Lisa Garside from the Conservation Commission immediately, **second** by Sean. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **22-057 – Consider the resignation of Sherene Gilman as Town Clerk**
 - **Motion** made by Kathryn to accept the resignation of Sherene Gilman as Town Clerk effective November 19, 2021, **second** by Carol. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **22-058 – Consider the appointment of Kristin Parks as Town Clerk**
 - **Motion** made by Kathryn to appoint Kristin Parks as Town Clerk and Registrar effective November 20, 2021, **second** by Carol. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **22-059 – Consider the appointment of Eric Johnson as Animal Control Officer**
 - **Motion** made by Carol to appointment Eric Johnson as Animal Control Officer effective November 15, 2021 to June 30, 2022, **second** by Kathryn. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **22-060 – Consider the appointment of Alfred Parks Sr. to the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee**
 - Alfred was present for his appointment and gave a brief introduction.
 - **Motion** made by Kathryn to appoint Alfred Parks Sr. to the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee with a term beginning tonight & ending June 30, 2024, **second** by Carol. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

- **22-061 – Consider the appointment of Tom Labrie to the Recreation Board**
 - Tom was present via ZOOM for his appointment and gave a brief introduction.
 - **Motion** made by Sean to appoint Tom Labrie to the Recreation Board with a term beginning tonight and ending June 30, 2024, **second** by Dennis. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Old Business:

- **22-051 – Second full reading of revised Board, Committee and Commission Guide**
 - Review of information in packet with Select Board input and feedback. Changes from previous update discussed and did receive MMA Legal consult. Review of clarification on committee qualifications. Requested to have date added once approved for future reference.

- **22-062 – Readfield Fairgrounds Workshop review and Ballfield update**
 - Update by Eric on the workshop that was held on November 1, 2021.

New Business:

- **22-063 – Consider accepting a \$10,000 donation to the Readfield Fire Department**

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- **Motion** made by Kathryn to accept the \$10,000.00 check from ADT that was presented to the Readfield Fire Department for building project expenses, **second** by Sean. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **22-064 - Consider revised bylaws for the Readfield Fire Department**
 - Review by Fire Chief, Lee Mank of the updated Bylaws of the Readfield Fire Department.
 - Discussion amongst Select Board and Fire Chief on the revised bylaws.
 - Trevor Robinson and Joel Parker, Readfield Fire Fighters voiced their concerns on the COVID-19 vaccination requirements.
 - **Motion** made by Kathryn to accept the revised Bylaws for the Readfield Fire Department as presented that were approved November 2021, **second** by Sean. **Vote** 4-1, Carol opposed.
- **22-065 – Consider a schedule for Emergency Operations Plan revision and tabletop exercise**
 - **Motion** made by Kathryn to postpone agenda item 22-065 to next meeting, **second** by Sean. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.
- **22-066 – Develop Select Board Goals for the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Budget**
 - Discussion amongst Select Board on goals for the FY 2022-2023
- **22-067 – Consider a revised Freedom of Access Policy**
 - Review and discussion by Select Board of the revised Freedom of Access Policy.

Motion made by Kathryn to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, **second** by Sean. **Vote** 5-0 in favor.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Parks, Board Secretary