

**Readfield Select Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes April 22, 2014**

**Select Board members present:** Valarie Pomerleau, Greg Durgin, Larry Dunn, Sue Reay and Allen Curtis.  
**Others attending:** Shannon Gould (PEG TV), Teresa Shaw (Acting Town Manager), Peter Barengo, Thomas Dunham, Grace Keene, G. Marianne Perry, John Perry, Karen Peterson, Robin Lint (Town Clerk), Debora Doten, Peter Davis, Lorraine Wagner, John Parent and Sandra Rourke.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Mrs. Reay. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

**(1) Minutes:** **Motion** by Ms. Pomerleau to approve the minutes of 04/07/2014 as amended, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Durgin to approve the minutes of 04/15/2014 with additions, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0-0.

Mr. Durgin noted the town librarian was married.

**(2) Warrant:** Mr. Durgin reviewed the warrant. **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to approve warrant #23 in the amount of \$32,625.18, **second** Mrs. Reay; **vote** 5-0-0.

**(3) Select Board Communications:**

- Mrs. Reay noted she will not be in attendance at the meetings on 04/30/2014 and 05/05/2014. She also said the RSU vote date changed to 05/14/2014. The drug take back day will be held on 04/26/2014 from 10 am to 2 pm at the transfer station. She thanked Teresa Shaw for filling in for the town manager and thanked Ms. Pomerleau for the verbal judo comments.
- Mr. Dunn gave an update on the library building committee. They would like to be put on the agenda for 05/19/2014. They will also be meeting again next week.
- Mr. Curtis began a discussion regarding the options available for posting meeting videos online. He will research this further at the conference he will be attending in May. There was a continued discussion.

**Motion** by Mr. Durgin to authorize Mr. Curtis to look into getting more information for select board meetings out in alternative means as opposed to copying on disk and report back to the select board and to review policies to make sure they are being followed and bring the information back to the board, **second** Mr. Curtis; there was a discussion. **Vote** 4-1-0 (Mr. Dunn opposed).

**(4) Town Manager report:** Mrs. Reay gave a reminder about the Fayette joint meeting on 04/30/2014.

Mrs. Reay asked about former conversations regarding the rec. committee and ballfield upkeep. Mr. Durgin said he would have to review his notes but he believes the plan is for the rec. committee to take over the maintenance of it.

**(5) Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments:** There were no comments. Mrs. Reay thanked the cemetery committee for their minutes.

It was noted the in RSU Superintendent's letter that the subsidy has increased to \$52,808.

**(6) Appointments/Reappointments:**

- **Motion** by Mr. Curtis to reappoint the following members based on the terms of the application for Michael Laberge, Peter Barengo, John Perry for the budget committee, **second** Mr. Dunn; **vote** 5-0-0.
- **Ad hoc public works committee:** Mrs. Reay referenced the appointments and procedures policy. It was noted it is posted on the website but not on the PEG station or posted downstairs. Mrs. Lint explained the timing process of posting. There was a discussion. Mrs. Lint will work on a location in the town office to post the openings. Mrs. Reay said would like a diversified group and said the board all agreed with this. Tom Dunham explained why he wanted to be on the committee.

**Motion** by Mr. Durgin to appoint Thomas Dunham to the public works ad hoc committee for the duration of the committee session to look at public works accounting, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-1-0 (Mrs. Reay opposed due to not following policy).

- Cemetery committee: There are two applications for one opening. Marianne Perry was in attendance but John Moran was not. Mrs. Perry explained why she would like to be on the committee. The board reviewed the chair's recommendations. Mr. Curtis said he would like to have a discussion with Mr. Moran.

**Motion** by Mr. Dunn to appoint Marianne Perry to the cemetery comm. for a term starting tonight for the remainder of Lee Hepfner's term, **second** Mr. Durgin; there was a discussion. John Parent recommends Marianne Perry for the position. Sandra Rourke said the Deputy Clerk told Mr. Moran he did not have to be in attendance because it was a reappointment. Karen Peterson asked what credentials Mr. Moran listed on his application. The board read them. She then asked what Marianne Perry's credentials were. The board read them. Mrs. Peterson said from her observations in working with Mrs. Perry she would be a positive contribution to the committee. **Vote** 3-2-0 (Mrs. Reay opposed due to not following policy, Mr. Curtis opposed because he feels Mr. Moran needs to be in attendance to support his application).

**(7) Town Meeting Warrant Draft with Budget recommendations:**

- **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to approve the wording of the greeting in article 1 and article 2 as presented with the exception of June 12, 2013 to be changed to June 12 2014, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- Article 3: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn for the wording 'shall the Town of Readfield raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 annually, beginning this year, to fund Readfield Heritage Days celebration being held every other year, beginning in 2015, and with maximum funding of \$10,000 from tax revenue.' This question is intended to determine the wishes of the voters in regard to the Heritage Days celebration. The amount of \$5,000 would be raised by taxation in 2014 if the question passes. It would still be necessary for the voters to approve future appropriations on an annual basis.' **Second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- Article 4 **Motion** by Mr. Dunn as presented, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- Article 5 **Motion** by Mr. Dunn as presented, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- Article 6 **Motion** by Mr. Dunn as presented, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to include 'and ought to pass', **second** Mr. Curtis; amended to include 'for the above', **vote** on amendment 5-0-0; **Vote** on original motion 5-0-0.
- Article 7 **Motion** by Mr. Dunn as presented, **second** Mr. Curtis; there was a discussion. **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to make an amendment to include the note in italics, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** on amendment 5-0-0; **vote** on original motion 5-0-0.
- Article 8 **Motion** by Mr. Dunn as presented, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- Article 9 **Motion** by Mr. Dunn as presented, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- Article 10 **Motion** by Mr. Dunn as presented, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *General Government category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$451,020, **second** by Mr. Curtis; ; **vote** 2-3-0 (Mrs. Reay, Ms. Pomerleau and Mr. Curtis opposed). There was a discussion about changing the warrant into line item categories. **Motion** by Mr. Curtis that the category of general government be reduced for a total amount of \$441,910, **second** Mrs. Reay; there was a discussion. **Vote** 1-4-0 (Mr. Curtis was in favor). **Motion** by Mrs. Reay to recommend \$449,520 for the general budget category, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Boards and Commissions category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$14,125, **second** Mr. Durgin. There was a discussion. Mr. Durgin called the question. **Vote** 3-2-0 (Ms. Pomerleau, Mr. Curtis opposed).
- *Town Buildings Operations & Maintenance category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$50,377, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Community Services category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$54,864, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Recreation, Parks & Activities category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$19,327, **second** M. Curtis; there was a discussion about removing heritage days. **Vote** 5-0-0.

- *Protection Department category:* **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$137,342, **second** Mr. Curtis; there was a discussion. **Vote** 5-0-0.
- *Cemetery Department category:* **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$31,003, **second** Mr. Curtis; There was a discussion regarding splitting the category into two articles - mowing \$15,693 and maintenance \$15,310. **Vote** 2-3-0 (Mrs. Reay, Ms. Pomerleau and Mr. Curtis opposed). Ms. Pomerleau said she voted no because she believes in line item budgets. Mrs. Reay explained her opinion that it would help town in future budgeting. Mr. Curtis is of the same opinion as Ms. Pomerleau. **Motion** by Ms. Pomerleau to do the cemetery department in two line items \$15,310 for maintenance, \$15,693 for mowing, **second** Mr. Curtis; there was a discussion. Ms. Pomerleau amended her motion to see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the cemetery department for mowing \$15,693 and another line item to see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for cemetery department maintenance in the amount of \$15,310 with the unexpended balance to carry forward for both lines, **second** Mrs. Reay; there was a discussion. **Vote** on amendment 0-5-0. John Parent asked how the board would present this to the voters. **Motion** by Mrs. Reay to extend the meeting to 10 pm, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 4-1-0 (Mr. Dunn opposed). **Motion** by Mrs. Reay for a new article to see what sum of money the town will raise and or appropriate for the cemetery department mowing category with the unexpended balance to carry forward, the select board recommends \$15,693, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 3-2-0 (Mr. Durgin, Mr. Dunn opposed). **Motion** by Mrs. Reay for a new article to see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the cemetery maintenance budget category with the unexpended balance to carry forward, the select board recommends \$15,310, **second** by Mr. Curtis; **vote** 3-2-0 (Mr. Durgin, Mr. Dunn opposed).

**Motion** by Mr. Durgin to take item #11 out of order, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.

**(11) Public Communications:** Mrs. Reay read the policy.

- Lorraine Wagner said she is a member of the cemetery committee and she feels that Marianne Perry and John Moran would both be a great asset. She wants Mr. Moran to be considered because she is resigning tonight from the cemetery committee. She would like Mr. Moran to be reconsidered. She asked if the appointments were advertised and was told it was put on the website, but not in the *Messenger* because Mr. Hepfner had just passed away. It was not advertised in other areas of the policy. She reiterated she wanted reconsideration for Mr. Moran. She also said she feels some of the other categories should be broken down by line items.
- *Roads & Drainage category:* **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$567,294, **second** Mr. Durgin; there was a discussion about the summer roads carry forward. Mr. Dunn called the vote. **Vote** 3-2-0 (Ms. Pomerleau, Mr. Curtis opposed).
- *Cemetery Perpetual Care category* **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$4,000 with the note included, **second** by Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Capital Improvements category:* **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$60,160 to include the note, **second** by Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Solid Waste Department category:* **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$253,185, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Regional Assessments category:* **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$331,620, to include the note, **second** Mr. Curtis; there was a discussion. **Vote** 3-2-0 (Mrs. Reay, Mr. Durgin opposed).
- *Debt Service category:* **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$355,210, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Readfield Blizzard Busters Snowmobile Club, Central Maine Area Agency on Aging/Cohen Center/Senior Spectrum, Kennebec Behavioral Health Agency, Family Violence Agency, Maranacook Lake and Torsey Pond Associations, Sexual Assault Agency and 30 Mile River Watershed Association categories:* **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend per letter of request, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Readfield Enterprise Fund category:* **Motion** by Mr. Dunn, with any balance to be carried forward, to recommend \$5,000 with the note included, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.

- *Revaluation category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$5,000 with the note included, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *General Assistance category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$4,705, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Estimated revenues to reduce the 2014 Tax Commitment category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$884,515; Mrs. Reay made an amendment to \$883,873, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** on amendment 5-0-0; **vote** on original motion 5-0-0.
- *Readfield Cemetery Trust Funds*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to suspend the reading and recommend \$1,400, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Anticipated Overdrafts category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend as presented at town meeting, **second** Mr. Curtis; Mrs. Reay made an amendment to change the unassigned word, **second** by Mr. Dunn; **vote** on amendment 5-0-0, **vote** on original 5-0-0.
- *Unassigned Fund Balance to reduce the total tax commitment category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend \$150,000, **second** Mr. Durgin; there was a discussion. Mr. Dunn made an amendment to recommend \$100,000, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** on amendment 4-1-0 (Mr. Curtis opposed). **Vote** on original motion as amended 4-1-0 (Mr. Curtis opposed).
- *Property tax levy increase limit category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend at town meeting, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Expenditure of revenues category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend as ought to pass, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Increase any line item up to five percent (5%) category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend ought to pass, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Authorize the Select Board to expend unexpended balance category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend as ought to pass, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 4-1-0 (Mrs. Reay opposed).

**Motion** by Mr. Durgin to extend the meeting to 10:30 pm if need be, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 3-2-0 (Mrs. Reay, Mr. Dunn opposed).

- *Authorize the Select Board to expend up to \$50,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend ought to pass, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 3-2-0 (Mr. Curtis, Ms. Pomerleau opposed).
- *Authorize Municipal Officers in regard to tax acquired property category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Waiver of automatic foreclosure category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to suspend the reading and recommend ought to pass, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Authorize Municipal Officers to set miscellaneous fees category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend ought to pass, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Acceptance of 2014 ATV and Trailer from the Readfield Fire Association category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to recommend ought to pass, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Inactive reserve accounts category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to use Lee Bragg's notes as written and as read with the recommendation of ought to pass, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Reserve account for East Readfield Cemetery category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to use Lee Bragg's notes as written and as read with the recommendation of ought to pass, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- *Amendment of the LUO category*: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn with the recommendation of ought to pass, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 3-2-0 (Mrs. Reay, Ms. Pomerleau opposed-not enough information).

**(8) Public Hearing Schedule**: May 19, 2014 at 6 pm.

**(9) Non-disaster policy**: Mr. Durgin summarized the document which he, Peter Davis, Mr. Dunn and Lee Mank worked on. This is a first reading only.

**(10) Other:** Mrs. Reay distributed draft letters to the board to answer the questions asked previously by residents. There was a lengthy discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Recorded by Deborah Nichols