

**Readfield Select Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes May 5, 2014**

**Select Board members present:** Valarie Pomerleau, Greg Durgin, Larry Dunn and Allen Curtis.

**Others attending:** Kristie Hutchinson (PEG TV), Stefan Pakulski (Town Manager), Grace Keene, Pamela Osborn, Cheryl Yannayon, Anita Buss, Beverly Monsulick, Debora Doten, Peter Davis, John Parent and Sandra Rourke.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by Mr. Durgin. The pledge of allegiance was made.

**(1) Minutes:** **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to approve the minutes of 04/22/2014 as amended, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 4-0-0.

**(2) Warrant:** Mr. Durgin reviewed the warrant. **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to approve warrant #24 in the amount of \$334,429.41, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 4-0-0.

**(3) Select Board Communications:**

- Mr. Curtis attended a technology workshop in Portland which was sponsored by MMA. He distributed a written summary of the workshop. There was a discussion.
- Mr. Durgin has received emails in regard to the last select board meeting. He would like to discuss them with the full board in attendance. Mr. Durgin will forward the emails to the board.

**(4) Town Manager:** Mr. Pakulski reviewed his report which was included in the packet. The locations for consideration of the new street light were discussed. This will be on the next agenda. John Parent and Pete Davis said all three locations are equally important but there is only funding for one light. Mr. Pakulski noted he will be out of the office attending a school outing on May 14-16, 2014.

**(5) Boards, Committees, Commissions and Departments:** Mr. Durgin said an EOP meeting will likely be scheduled for this June. The trails and dam outlet committees provided minutes for the packet.

**(6) Appointments/reappointments:**

- **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to appoint Ellen Blanchard as election warden beginning 05/05/2014 and ending 12/31/2014, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 4-0-0.
- The board interviewed Anita Buss for appointment to the public works ad hoc committee. **Motion** by Mr. Curtis to appoint Anita Buss for the public works ad hoc committee starting today and ending when the charge of the committee is completed, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 4-0-0.
- Ray Renner was not in attendance. The board decided not to act on his application for appointment. He will be invited to attend next meeting.
- **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to reappoint Brenda Lake and Pam Mitchell to the library board of trustees with a term to expire on 06/30/2017, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 4-0-0.
- The board interviewed Beverly Monsulick for appointment to the library board of trustees. **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to appoint Beverly Monsulick to the library board of trustees for a term starting today and expiring on 06/30/2015; **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 4-0-0.

**(7) Non-disaster plan policy (second reading):** **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to accept the non-disaster operations plan protocol as written, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 4-0-0.

**(8) Letters to residents:** The letters will be available at the town office on letterhead to sign if board members wish to sign them. They will not be mailed until Mrs. Reay is available to sign the documents. **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to sign the letters presented in the 05/05/2014 packet and to have them available to sign at the town office and to be on letterhead, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 2-2-0 (Mr. Curtis, Mr. Dunn opposed) – Motion failed.

**(9) Town Meeting Warrant, final draft:** **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to reopen the vote on the article to expend the unexpended balance category, **second** Mr. Durgin; there was discussion. **Vote** 4-0-0. **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to remove the article which stated *'to see if the Town will vote to authorize the select board to expend unexpended balances appropriated in prior year(s) within the budget categories in which they were originally appropriated unless otherwise allocated within these Articles'*, **second** Mr. Durgin; there was a discussion. **Vote** 4-0-0.

**Motion** by Mr. Dunn to accept the annual town meeting warrant as presented before us, **second** Mr. Durgin; there was discussion regarding Articles 32, 35, 17 and 19. **Vote** 4-0-0. Mr. Durgin requested the warrant be posted immediately.

**(10) Legal Services contract award consideration:** Discussion was tabled until a later date. It was noted performance issues should be discussed in executive session.

- A reminder was given for the Heritage Days public hearing on 05/19/2014 at 6 pm. On the same day an executive session will be held at 5:30 pm and Attorney Bragg will be invited to attend. The regular meeting on 5/19/2014 will begin at 6:30 pm.

**(11) FEMA resolution (Fayette example):** Mr. Durgin summarized the resolution. **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to accept the resolution for the Town of Readfield in regard to FEMA and to sign it and have the town manager forward it to the appropriate people – state, local and national representatives, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 4-0-0.

**(12) Somerset PSAP contract:** Mr. Pakulski said this is a two-year contract with a 5% increase in the second year. **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to authorize the town manager to sign the Somerset PSAP contract on behalf of the town, **second** Mr. Dunn; **vote** 4-0-0.

**(13) Gile Hall brick repointing quotes:** Mr. Pakulski summarized the needed capital improvements on Gile Hall. Two quotes were received for brick repointing. The quotes were discussed. **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to waive the purchasing policy requirement and to award a contract to Maranacook Masonry in the amount of \$6,225 as dated 04/25/2014 and to authorize the town manager to move forward with the contract, **second** Mr. Durgin; there was a discussion. **Vote** 4-0-0.

**(14) Other:** None.

**(15) Public Communications:** Mr. Durgin referred to the public communications policy.

- Anita Buss commented about the town park. She would like to revitalize the project and apply for a \$250 grant, which is due by 05/10/2014. **Motion** by Mr. Curtis to allow Anita Buss to use and enter the town park property for the purpose of planting a community garden, **second** Mr. Durgin; there was a discussion. Anita will ask her minister to sanction this application. **Vote** 4-0-0.

**Executive Session:** **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to enter into executive session at 8:22 pm pursuant to 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(D) regarding labor union negotiations and invite the town manager to attend, **second** Mr. Durgin; discussion – there are no anticipated decisions to be made from this session. **Vote** 4-0-0.

Recorded by Deborah Nichols

The board left executive session at 8:46 pm. There was no further action. Mr. Durgin then adjourned the meeting.

Recorded by Stefan Pakulski