

Readfield Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes June 16, 2014 - Approved

Select Board members present: Sue Reay, Valarie Pomerleau, Greg Durgin, Larry Dunn and Allen Curtis.
Others attending: Shannon Gould (PEG TV), Stefan Pakulski (Town Manager), Tom Dunham, Lorraine Wagner, Grace Keene, Karen Peterson, Pamela Osborn, Harry McKenney, John Parent, Marianne Perry, Lydia Adelson, Kathryn Mills Woodsum, Steven Woodsum and John Moran.

A new member orientation was held prior to the start of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Mrs. Reay. The pledge of allegiance was made.

(1) Minutes: Motion by Ms. Pomerleau to approve the minutes of 06/02/2014 as presented, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.

(2) Warrant: Mr. Durgin reviewed the warrant. **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to approve warrant #27 in the amount of \$112,513.76, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 5-0-0.

(3) Select Board Communications:

- The town manager's quarterly review was scheduled for 06/19/2014 at 4:30 pm.

(4) Town Manager:

- Mr. Pakulski gave an update on the CEO search.
- Quotes for different purchases of computers for the town office have been reviewed. They have been ordered through Dell and will be installed by the IT consultant when received.
- The 09/17/2014 EOP event was discussed. Purchases for the 3 kits were discussed.
- Library/bank building possibility: Mr. Pakulski and Bruce Bourgoine will meet with the bank rep next week to continue discussions.
- The new copier has been installed and is working well.

(5) Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments:

- John Parent, budget comm. chair, discussed the unassigned fund balance. He said the committee would not like this reduced any further as it is needed for cash flow.

(6) Appointments/Reappointments:

Harry McKenney, KSO deputy, gave an explanation of his request to serve as a constable.

- **Motion** by Mr. Curtis to authorize the town manager to sign the office of constable certificate of appointment for Mr. Harry McKenney from 06/17/2014 through 06/30/2015, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 5-0-0.
- **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to appoint Stefan Pakulski as the town manager, road commissioner, tax collector, transfer station manager, treasurer and welfare administrator for the term of 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015, **second** Mr. Durgin. There was a discussion. **Vote** 5-0-0.
- **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to appoint Lee Mank to the office of fire chief for term beginning 07/01/2014 ending 06/30/2015, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; Mr. Dunn offered an **amendment** pending election by the fire department, **second** Mr. Durgin, **vote** on amendment 5-0-0, **vote** on original motion 5-0-0.
- **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to appoint Karen Peterson to the office of sexton for a term beginning 07/01/2014 to expire 06/30/2015, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0-0.

John Moran, cemetery committee candidate, gave a handout to the Chair and summarized his desire to serve on the committee. Mrs. Reay asked about his reasons for previously resigning from the committee. He explained his conflicts in working with the sexton. Mr. Curtis expressed his opinion. Mr. Dunn asked what has changed in his working relationship with the sexton. Mr. Moran said passage of time and a desire to return to committee work has been the reason for his application. There was a discussion about the number of committee members and open positions. Grace Keene, committee chair, said Mr. Bolz sent an email to inform her he would not be

seeking reappointment. Grace also said she believes Mr. Moran is not a good fit for the committee. She recommended a 9-member committee. There was a discussion about the verbal resignation at a previous meeting. Mrs. Reay said the resignation was not in writing and as such was not accepted by the select board. There was a discussion about the staggering of terms. It was determined at this point there are no openings on the committee. Karen Peterson spoke against the previous statements about her and clarified a situation regarding a tree in a cemetery. She said Lee Hepfner was not able to resign in writing as well, and said the policy needs to be reconsidered in this regard. Kathryn Woodsum said without a vote there is no way to change the committee to a 10-member board. Mrs. Woodsum also said a strong message is given when someone publicly resigns from a committee and this should be considered. Lorraine Wagner asked if she was still appointed and the answer was yes. She said she did not have her own agenda but did have a different opinion on the cemetery budget. She explained her reasons for resigning. The board decided not to appoint anyone to the cemetery committee as there are no openings. They asked the committee to provide feedback on how many members they would like to have. John Parent recommended the select board and the committee chairs meet to discuss the appointment policy at a future time.

- **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to reappoint the following persons to the following committees: Laurence Perkins to the road committee, Eugene Murray to the road committee, Eugene Murray to the appeals board, Mark Hreben to the rec board and Amanda Hreben to the rec board, all with terms to begin 07/01/2014 and to end 06/30/2017, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0-0.

(7) Streetlight update: There was a discussion about the street light. Mrs. Reay said the light is not bright enough and the board was in agreement. Marianne Perry said the neighbors should be consulted. Mr. Pakulski said he has notified the neighbors but has not heard back from them. **Motion** by Mrs. Reay to have the town manager sign the 15-year lease agreement with CMP after the brighter light is installed so it serves its purpose, **second** Mr. Durgin; there was a discussion. **Vote** 5-0-0.

(8) REF update: Mr. Pakulski said there is no further access to the CDBG funds after this evening, but the town can make awards based on repayments of previous lending. There are conditional requirements linked to some of the awards. Payment collection was discussed. Mr. Curtis thanked Mr. Pakulski for his hard work on this project.

(9) Town Meeting results follow-up: It was noted the Town of Winthrop passed the dam funds and the terms for the studies needed are now being established. The various RFPs approved at town meeting were discussed. The library painting, paving, and road shoulders RFPs are to be ready for review on 06/24/2014 at 4:30 pm. The cemetery walls RFP is to be ready for review on 07/14/2014. The minutes from town meeting were discussed and will be reviewed at the 06/24/2014 meeting. The RSU write-in candidates and other options were discussed. The moving of playground money was not approved at town meeting; this will need to be discussed at some future point.

(10) Other: Mrs. Reay noted Susan Collins did respond to the FEMA resolution letter. She also asked the board members to review the quarterly objectives for the town manager.

(11) Public Communications: No comments.

Mr. Curtis noted the TV camera is very old and also the topic of private u-tube postings should be discussed.

Motion by Mrs. Reay to enter executive session at 8:53 pm pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(D) for legal consultation and to invite the town manager to attend, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 5-0-0.

Transcribed by Deborah Nichols

The board left executive session at 9:08 pm. Chair Reay adjourned the meeting at 9:09 pm.

Recorded by Stefan Pakulski