

Readfield Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes June 2, 2014

Select Board members present: Sue Reay, Valarie Pomerleau, Greg Durgin, Larry Dunn and Allen Curtis.
Others attending: Kristie Hutchinson (PEG TV), Stefan Pakulski (Town Manager), Joyce Massey, Joseph Potter, Tom Dunham, John Parent, Peter Davis, Debora Doten, Sharon Dunn, Dan Harriman and Robert Bittar.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Mrs. Reay. The pledge of allegiance was made.

(1) Minutes: **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to approve the minutes of 05/19/2014 as amended, **second** Mr. Dunn; **vote** 5-0-0.

(2) Warrant: Mr. Durgin reviewed the warrant. **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to approve warrant #26 in the amount of \$330,446.74, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0-0.

(3) Select Board Communications:

- Mrs. Reay gave reminders on upcoming meetings, elections and events.
- Ms. Pomerleau said the recent grading on the Walker and the Luce Roads has made an amazing improvement.

(4) Town Manager:

- There was a discussion about the proposed office technology purchase. **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to waive the purchasing policy and instruct the town manager to work with the computer consultant to arrange for the purchase of the dell computers, not to exceed the budget amount for this category, **second** Mr. Durgin; there was additional discussion. **Vote** 1-4-0; motion failed. **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to instruct the town manager to work with the computer consultant to arrange for the purchase of the computers not to exceed the budget amount for this category, upon receipt of three quotes, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- **Copier update:** A-Copi has agreed to a 60-month lease with the same price but the copier will be upgraded.
- A constable request was briefly reviewed. He will be invited to attend the next meeting. This request is not meant to be a replacement for the current constable, Todd Chilton.
- **REF update:** Mr. Pakulski noted his write-up provided in the packet. The REF did a recent site visit for an applicant looking to set up a manufacturing business for complex tool/die instruments. There is also another recent applicant to be considered.

(5) Boards, Committees, Commissions & Departments:

- Mr. Pakulski noted the cows on Rte. 17 are gone. There was a discussion.
- Clif Buuck will be retiring again as of June 30, 2014. Possibilities are beginning to be explored.

(6) Appointments/Reappointments:

- **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to appoint Joyce Massey to the Library Building Committee starting tonight until the work is finished, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.
- **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to appoint Joseph L. Potter to the Public Works Ad Hoc Committee starting tonight until the work is finished, **second** Ms. Pomerleau; **vote** 5-0-0.
- **Motion** by Mr. Curtis to reappoint Gary Keilty to the Trails Committee for a period of 07/01/14-06/30/17, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 5-0-0.
- **Motion** by Mr. Durgin to reappoint Lori Clark to the Library Board of Trustees for a term of 07/01/14-6/30/17, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.

(7) Legal Services contract award consideration: There was a discussion. **Motion** by Mr. Curtis to continue with the current legal services/Bernstein Shur, **second** Mr. Durgin; **vote** 5-0-0.

(8) Boundary monuments – Dan Harriman: Mr. Harriman said the problems need to be fixed soon or they will get even worse. The board thanked him for his very thorough report. There was a discussion about the cost of the project. Dan explained the complexity of the project. He recommended as a first step to fix the leaning markers and replace or repair the broken markers. The board discussed how to move forward with this

project. The formation of a boundary ad hoc committee with multiple surrounding town members was discussed. The state statute requirements were discussed.

(9) Streetlight update: The Town Manager met with CMP today. The CMP representative's opinion is the Stanley Road intersection would be a good choice for a streetlight. DOT will not be responsible for putting up a light or paying for it. The drafting of a contract with CMP was discussed.

(10) RSU warrant signing: The board signed the RSU warrant.

(11) Certified ratio for property assessments: The Board of Assessors recommended the 100% valuation, which will keep the homestead exemption the same. Mil rates and overlay amounts were discussed.

Motion by Mr. Durgin to accept the ratio declaration and reimbursement application to be set at 100% and at 18.2, and to give to the Assessor the signed document tomorrow, **second** by Mrs. Reay; discussion – Mr. Parent spoke as a taxpayer. He would like to see a combined effort from local officials to inform the state about the challenges facing citizens. **Vote** from the Board of Assessors: 3-0-0.

(12) CPRC shingles agreement: **Motion** by Mr. Dunn to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract with CPRC as presented, **second** Mr. Curtis; there was a discussion. **Vote** 5-0-0.

(13) Town Meeting presentation/plan: Mr. Durgin will not be able to attend the town meeting as he will be doing the Trek across Maine, as he has done for 16 years. The Town Manager provided a narrative of the discussion he will present and it will be available prior to Town Meeting for residents to review. There was a discussion about which board members will commit to answering questions on certain portions of the warrant at Town Meeting. Assignments were made.

(14) MMA LPC nominations and survey: No nominations were made. Ideas for MMA'S 2015-2016 legislative agenda were discussed. Mrs. Reay opened it up to the public and requested ideas be sent in by June 20, 2014.

(15) Other: Mr. Durgin said the new granite resting bench on the trails is really nice.

(16) Public Communications: Mrs. Reay read the policy.

- John Parent commented about letters he received from the Board which were signed by three members.

Motion by Mrs. Reay to enter executive session at 8:45 pm pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Sec. 405(6)(A) for personnel reasons, **second** Mr. Curtis; **vote** 5-0-0.

Recorded by Deborah Nichols

The Board exited executive session at 9:50 pm. Seeing no further business before the Board, Mrs. Reay adjourned the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Recorded by Sue Reay