

Readfield Select Board
Special Meeting – Workshop Minutes August 27, 2014 - *Approved*

Select Board members present: Sue Reay, Valarie Pomerleau, Greg Durgin, Thomas Dunham and Allen Curtis.

Others attending: Chris Backman (RHR Smith – auditor), Teresa Shaw (Finance Officer), Stefan Pakulski (Town Manager), and a Poverty Abatement applicant.

Mrs. Reay called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

(1) Audit Workshop:

Chris Backman from the auditing firm RHR Smith & Company led the Select Board in a workshop to review the audit process for the Town. There were many questions and answers plus much discussion on the different facets and procedures of the annual financial audit.

(2) Poverty Abatement application decision:

Motion by Mr. Dunham to grant an abatement according to a submitted application for reasons of poverty as of this date 08/27/2014 in the amount of \$1651.32 plus any additional accrued interest, **second** by Mr. Durgin.

Discussion followed on criteria to use in making this decision. Mr. Dunham withdrew his motion.

Motion by Mr. Dunham to grant an abatement in the amount of \$1,651.32 plus interest accrued as of 08/27/2014 pursuant to MRSA Title 36 Section 841, **second** by Mr. Durgin.

Discussion followed. **Vote:** 2 – 3 (Reay, Pomerleau, Curtis) motion failed.

The Select Board discussed with the applicant the reasons for denying the poverty abatement application. The Board directed the Town Manager to include the reasons in a written notification to the applicant, along with information about the applicant's right to appeal the decision and the procedures for doing so.

(3) Other:

Ms. Pomerleau noted actions that afternoon in the East Readfield Cemetery regarding a hole and piece of a broken post.

Seeing no further business, Mrs. Reay adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM.

Recorded by Stefan Pakulski