

Selectboard Meeting

March 9, 2020

UNAPPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Present: Robert Allen, Gordy Eastman, Calista Brennan, Glen Towne, Garrett Neill, Karl Hansen, Heather Evans, David Appleton, Annie Rubright, John Fike, Lisa Kaija and Marie Anderson

Robert started the meeting asking if there were changes to the agenda. No changes.

Minutes of the February 10, 2020 Selectboard meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: As of 2/29/2020, Expenses were \$66,681.42, Revenue was \$6,108.31, and the balance in Mascoma is \$817,255.21. Delinquent taxes for 2018 and 2019 are \$43,412.06. Gordy moved to approve and Robert seconded. Calista said that a couple had paid off after the report was printed. Report is accepted.

Action Items:

OTHER: Robert started with other as there were several people in attendance. Garret Neill is ready to start on the Robinson Hall siding work this month. He gave a payment schedule to the Selectboard, so that he can get the material.

John Fike told board that the statewide parcel mapping was complete. He has been looking at the system and is concerned about the timing of updates at the State level.

Marie Anderson wanted to know if it was ok to have an outside celebration for the 50th Green Up day at the Town Hall. The board didn't see any problems with that. She also wanted to ask the board about changing their meeting so that the board could go to the school board meetings. Calista said that the school board was looking to changing their meeting. The Selectboard decided to wait and see what the school board does. Heather asked that the school board meeting be put on the calendar in the Informer.

Annie asked if the roads are posted and large trucks create damage, could the Town recoup the cost of fixing the roads. Robert explained that obviously there is a procedure, however, he was not sure of the exact details. It was also mentioned that it becomes a problem with who really created the damage unless caught 'in the act' as some trucks are allowed on posted roads.

- A) Food Shelf Emergency Generator:** Robert received an email from Dana Waters, president of the Food Shelf asking if they could use the Town's propane account for running a generator. The board agreed to allow them to use the account. We will look into billing them for the usage or increasing the yearly rent. Calista will email Dana and let him know.
- B) MRGP (Municipal Road General Permit) Report:** The road inventory has been done so Robert will file the report.
- C) Highways:** Glen said the road were all in good shape as of now. There haven't been any truck issues recently. Robert said that the paperwork for a grant for paving will be submitted, but he did not think that Reading would be receiving any grant money again this year.
- D) EAB (Emerald Ash Borer) Road Inventory:** Glen will be attending the meeting in Ludlow March 10th. He will then get together with Hannah Dallas to go over what should be done in Reading.

- E) Resolution regarding 2nd Amendment of the US Constitution:** David Appleton has talked with Gordy about this and wanted to bring it to the Selectboard. Gordy explained that this was a nonbinding resolution about the right to bear arms. Other Towns in the State have voted to sign this and others have voted it down. The Selectboard voted to table this until more information is available.
- F) Liquor License – Keepers Restaurant and Reading Greenhouse:** The licenses were signed.
- G) Appointment of Town Officials:** This was tabled until Jim could be present with the exception of signing the resolution to appoint representatives to the EC Fiber board. John Malcolm will continue to represent Reading, with Bill Bakker and Gerry Marletta as alternates.
- H) Elect Chair of the Selectboard:** This was tabled until Jim could be present.
- I) Other:** No additional business was brought up.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Next Selectboard meeting will be on Monday, April 13, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calista N Brennan, Town Clerk