

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

January 6, 2014

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 PM with members Harold Foote, Wayne Hurtubise, Chris Martel and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were Laura Ovitt, Tim Green and Karen Cangelosi.

Tim Green said he was representing REAC to give an update on the testing of the stock-piled soil. REAC is working with NRPC and DEC, and will provide the board with information as soon as it is available.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Harold Foote, to approve the minutes of the Dec. 16 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Harold Foote, to approve the minutes of the Dec. 17 and 27 budget meetings, and the Dec. 23 emergency meeting. The motion carried.

The board received sealed bids for mowing the cemeteries, water plant, sewer plant, post office and library as follows:

Deer Run Property Maintenance	\$30,500.00
Matthew Irons	\$13,835.00

Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Linda Collins, to award the contract to Matthew Irons for 24 mowings at \$13,835.00 using his own equipment. The motion carried, with Harold Foote recusing himself.

The board received sealed bids for leasing the sewer plant land for haying for the period of April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2019 as follows:

L.F. Hurtubise & Sons	\$1701.00
Pleasant Valley Farms	\$1620.00

A contract will be prepared. Proof of liability coverage will be required.

Motion made by Harold Foote, seconded by Linda Collins, to award the contract to L.F. Hurtubise & Sons. The motion carried with Wayne Hurtubise recusing himself.

Laura reported the board renewed the agreement with Anita Mason for use of town-owned property on Willow Street on Nov. 5. Although two attempts to contact Ms. Mason have been made, to date she has not executed the agreement.

Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Norris Tillotson, that Ms. Mason must execute the agreement and pay the recording fee by noon on January 31, 2014, or the agreement will be null and void. The motion carried.

Wayne Hurtubise reported on the recent ice storm, saying Harold Foote had helped with documentation. FEMA was in town on Jan. 3. Extra help was hired to assist with the cleanup.

Chris Martel reported he and Bruce Fuller have priced mowers for the playground. Norris Tillotson suggested using the mower owned by the water/sewer departments as those mowings will be contracted out.

Harold Foote reported the vault project will begin in the next couple of weeks. Harold reviewed a letter expressing interest in purchasing the post office building. Sale of the building will require voter approval.

Chris Martel reported the main public safety problem has been dog issues. Chris reported a VLCT opinion regarding paying a constable.

Norris Tillotson reported the water department has experienced some turbidity from the source. There are currently two cells down at the water plant. Due to the power outage during the ice storm, some sewage was discharged into the river. The generator at the playground pump station has been adjusted. A new VFD has been installed at the sewer plant. Norris has requested bids for replacing meters at Blue Seal.

Linda Collins read a letter from the VT Dept. of Taxes, which stated the equalized education property value effective 1/1/14 is \$149,798,000. The Coefficient of Dispersion is 12.43%.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Harold Foote, to enter executive session at 8:12 PM to discuss finances. The motion carried. Tim Green and Karen Cangelosi left the meeting. Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Linda Collins, to leave executive session at 8:50 PM. The motion carried. As a result of executive session, motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to allow Harold Foote to go to the town attorney at town expense to pursue a concern regarding zoning issues. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant