

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

October 19, 2015

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM with members Tim Green, Chris Martel and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were Laura Ovitt, Joey Randall, Terry Leonard, Donald Noyes, Karen Cangelosi, Kevin Blaney and Tracy Hemond.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Chris Martel, to approve the minutes of the Oct. 5 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Karen Cangelosi discussed the trash issues at 119 Main Street. The board agreed to send the violation to environmental court.

Karen discussed the 272 Troy Street property, saying there is a court date set for Oct. 27. The board agreed that she should contact Sandy Murphy.

The continuing trash issue at 60 River Street was discussed. Health Officer Terry Leonard reported she sent a certified letter in May, at which time the property owner agreed to have a covered dumpster. That has not happened. The health officer and zoning administrator were told to contact the Northwest Solid Waste District to ask them to follow up.

Karen reported the 165 Province Street property is not coming into compliance with zoning regulations. Laura was directed to ask the property owner to attend the next meeting.

Laura reported the town clerk has suggested that the board offer to repurchase previously town-owned property at 19-A Home Street that was sold to an individual who has now left town. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to offer the property owner \$500 to repurchase the property. The motion carried.

Linda Collins reported an interaction with a resident at a local bank.

Linda Collins reported on behalf of Wayne Hurtubise that the highway department did a good job replacing sidewalks on North Main and School Streets.

Chris Martel reported he has contacted Stairs Unlimited to re-weld the bolts on a door at the playground.

Chris reported Matthew Irons has built a very nice fence at Richford Center Cemetery.

Chris is getting estimates for budget purposes for tree removal at Troy Street Cemetery.

Tim Green presented a letter of agreement to Blouin Bros. Oil regarding their bid for providing fuel oil for municipal buildings for the 2015-2016 heating season. Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Chris Martel, to accept the Blouin Bros. bid. The motion carried.

Tim reported there is water in the fuel oil at the post office. Norris Tillotson suggested there is a state program available to help with replacing the tanks.

Chris Martel reported 3 of the 4 surveillance cameras are working. Two of the cameras are due to be replaced.

Chris discussed trimming the trees at Main Street Mill that are interfering with camera's reception. Tim Green recommended discussing the problem with Pam Parsons.

Chris reported the court hearing regarding an animal cruelty case has been postponed.

Chris said he has received a report of an attempted break-in at the historical society. Linda Collins will report the issue to the sheriff.

Norris Tillotson reported progress has been made with minor issues at the water/sewer plants. Major issues have already been addressed.

Water meter reading efficiency has improved greatly.

Norris reported the water intake will need to be cleaned once the leaves are off.

Norris discussed a potential issue regarding fuel delivery to a seasonal property on Brook Street. Signage may be needed to indicate the bridge cannot handle large trucks.

Norris discussed the siding planned for the two pump stations.

The board discussed the proposed winter water/sewer line policy. The board agreed to remove the section regarding using town equipment, and to advise property owners to contact the water department if the lines freeze.

Chris Martel reported the VTel antenna at the water plant for internet access is working well.

Linda Collins reported someone has contacted the governor regarding crime in Richford. She said the police are willing to meet with concerned citizens. Tracy Hemond reported she is working with a Trooper to organize a meeting.

The status of St. Anne's Church was discussed. It will be used as a community building and be overseen by the historical society.

Tracy Hemond discussed the status of the Spears Funeral Home Building.

Tim Green discussed possible future use of space at the post office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant