

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

October 20, 2014

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, Eric Collins, and Joe Pollender.

Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Tim Green, to approve the minutes of the October 6 regular meeting as presented. The motion carried.

Laura reported the town hall driveway will be closed Oct. 21 and 22 (Tues. and Wed.) for repairs.

Linda Collins reported the town highway crew has needed to go to 114 Main St. three times to remove stone retaining wall blocks from the sidewalk. Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Chris Martel, to bill the property owner \$150.00 for this work. The motion carried. Laura was authorized to sign the letter.

Linda presented letters to the owners of 115 and 119 Main Street properties regarding changing the Main Street park hours so the park is closed from dusk to dawn. The ordinance will need to be rewritten to make the change enforceable. The board agreed to hold off on the letter until the ordinance amendment is in effect.

The board discussed lighting in the park. There may be an opportunity for independent repairs to the electrical outlets. The board discussed having limited lighting.

Laura reported the Vermont Property Transfer Tax Return for the portion of Pinnacle Road given to the Army Corps of Engineers needs to be signed. Laura will contact Wayne Hurtubise to have him sign.

The board discussed a letter to the editor in the County Courier sent by a local business owner.

Chris Martel reported Goff Electric is working on electrical repairs in Davis Park. The board discussed damage due to vandalism at the gazebo.

Matt Irons has submitted a bid for the 2015 mowing season. The board will discuss the bid when working on the budget.

Tim Green will look into having trash removed from the parks.

Chris reported water has been shut off and the lines drained for the winter at the playground and cemeteries.

Tim Green reported a bid for repairing/replacing the library roof has not yet been confirmed.

Tim has asked Larry Bessette to rebid the vault project.

Tim reported Greg Hall will be patching concrete at the post office and town hall by the end of the month.

Chris Martel reported there will be extra sheriff coverage for Oct. 30 and 31.
Extra patrol hours for the sheriff will begin earlier next summer.
The board discussed whether tickets are being issued for speeding.

Tim Green discussed a request from a landlord for a dumpster rather than using the municipal trash service. The landlord has a major delinquency for trash service. The landlord has been told to document vacant rental properties.

Norris Tillotson reported the new roof at the sewer plant will begin soon. The rest of the materials are now on hand.

Norris reported the documentation for requesting close-out of the Irene damage repairs at the water intake is now ready to submit. The board will be requesting \$31,575. Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Linda Collins, to submit the documentation and authorize Norris Tillotson to sign. The motion carried.

Norris reported meter readings are behind by more than one week. He has called SOS, saying if meters are not read SOS will not be paid.

All water meters are Blue Seal are now working.

SOS personnel has requested radio frequency meter readers. Norris had denied the request.

Final plans and specifications for the Davis Bridge replacement have been received. The board will review the documents prior to the Nov. 4 regular meeting.

Laura reported the property at the business park owned by Roger Brown has been sold. She requested guidance on billing for the pump station electricity. She and Norris will work on a letter.

Norris reported all filters at the water plant are working perfectly.

Sludge removal is being shut down for the year, to begin again in the spring. Norris is working with Stairs Unlimited to develop a better frac tank.

Jason Wetherby joined the meeting at 7:35. Jason asked if the board would be willing to sell the garage door that was removed from the Hood Plant 3 years ago. The board determined to sell the door to Jason rather than pay Bruce Wetherby to remove it. Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to sell the door to Jason for \$1.00. The motion carried. Jason paid the \$1.00; Laura will get a receipt for him.

Laura reported John Nutting has signed the state contract for road salt. He said there is a significant increase in price, and no guarantees of delivery from other vendors.

The board discussed zoning amendments proposed by the planning commission, who is holding a public hearing tomorrow evening. The board will need to hold a public hearing in not less than 15 days, nor more than 120 days.

Tim Green discussed the town's insurance. There are no firm quotes from VLCT to date. The board will follow up next month.

Chris Martel discussed the Transportation Advisory Committee, saying the committee has proposed that the town look for an alternate representative to attend when Chris is not available.

Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Tim Green, to enter executive session at 8:07 PM to discuss personnel. The motion carried. Eric Collins, Joe Pollender and Jason Wetherby left the meeting.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Linda Collins, to leave executive session at 8:40 PM. The motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant