

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

October 5, 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, Guy Charbonneau, Joey Randall, Tracy Hemond, Ginger Morse and Jillian Marchessault.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Chris Martel to approve the minutes of the Sept. 8 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Tim Green to approve the minutes of the Sept. 21 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the minutes of the Sept. 16 and Sept. 29 special meetings. The motion carried.

Linda Collins said Danny Billado of the Swanton selectboard contacted her asking for the board's support for Swanton's efforts to not have wind turbines installed, and for requesting that planning commissions be included in the approval process. Laura will contact Swanton to ask for more information.

Linda Collins reported Attorney Mike Gawne has forwarded a stipulation prepared by Attorney Jesse Bugbee regarding the case involving Jacobs Logging. The board determined to specify that the stipulation needs to include compliance with state laws and legal weight limits.

Linda reported the highway crew is working on replacing sidewalks on School Street and lower Main Street.

Chris Martel reported the water has been drained at the playground and it has been closed for the season. He said the lag bolts have been pulled away from the building. He has made arrangements for repairs, and said a security door is needed.

Water has been shut off at the cemeteries.

Clausens will give an estimate for tree removal at Troy Street Cemetery for the 2016 budget.

Tim Green reported on receipt of fuel oil bids as follows:

Blouins - \$1.746 – includes 4 cents to haul and 6% over rack and haul price.

McAllister - \$1.85 – includes 15% mark up over rack not to exceed 25 cents or be less than 15 cents.

Jack Corse - \$1.87- 30 cent mark up over rack rate
Clarence Brown declined to bid.

Tim discussed funding an economic development fund with fuel savings.
Tim reported a grant application has been prepared for repairs needed for the dry hydrant in Stevens Mills. The board approved the application.

Linda Collins reported the USDA RD grant application for the ambulance was not funded. The application can be resubmitted for 2016 funds. Laura will work with Kathy Benoit.

Chris Martel reported on the status of the Fuller property, saying zoning has filed a notice of abandonment.

Chris reported the owner of dogs involved in the vicious dog complaint in June is looking for payment of vet bills. This is a civil matter between the parties involved.

Chris discussed the recent report from the animal control officer, and the quarterly bill from the humane society.

Chris reported Sun Ray needs to change the transmitter receiver for the surveillance cameras. Trees at Main Street Mill are blocking the camera view. Tim Green will discuss this with the condo association.

Tim Green reported the Northwest Solid Waste Management currently has no board member from Richford. Tim volunteered to serve on the board.

Tim reported the trailer behind the laundromat that is being used for trash is overflowing. The board determined to send the issue to zoning.

Norris Tillotson reported on the 2016 water/sewer rates established as a result of the recent budget meeting for those departments. Linda Collins explained the town cannot qualify for grant funds because the rates are too low. Rates would have to double to be eligible.

Norris explained water usage at Kaytec is being monitored.

Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the rates. The motion carried.

The board discussed a winter water policy prepared by the town clerk. The policy will be discussed at the next meeting.

Norris reported the plugged sewer at All Saints has been repaired. The town donated the pipes and labor; the church is responsible for digging, backfill and paving.

Sludge removal is going well. They are waiting for the sludge to settle before shipping.

Tim Green reported he has discussed the comp hour policy with the town clerk, and recommended the paid leave policy should be rewritten.

Guy Charbonneau discussed the ditch that runs between his property and Sheltra's. Linda will contact Wayne Hurtubise and John Nutting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant