

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

November 2, 2015

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM with members Tim Green, Wayne Hurtubise and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were Laura Ovitt, Donald Noyes, Judy Noyes, Paul Martin, Eric Collins, Ken Lavalla, Joey Randall and Ronnie Sheltra.

Ken Lavalla discussed a planned burn at the stump dump on Oct. 20. He said he was called, but had no key and couldn't get in. Norris Tillotson let him in and advised that the highway crew went through the pile and took unburnable items to the town garage. It was agreed that the highway department will do more, smaller burns and will notify Ken prior to a burn.

Norris advised the stump dump will close for the season on November 8.

Ken and Paul Martin left the meeting.

Ronnie Sheltra discussed damages at his property caused by a water main break in February 2014, saying the board had said they would be responsible for all damages. He wants a document from the town regarding his responsibility for drainage on his property. Wayne Hurtubise will talk with the road foreman about the ditch between the Sheltra property and the neighbor, and about reinstalling a catch basin. Ronnie said the board proved the town was at fault because they paid for the other damages. Tim Green said he felt the Sheltra's were going after the board's generosity. Linda Collins said the town's insurance has offered the Sheltra's a settlement and the Sheltra's have not responded. Ronnie left the meeting.

Eric Collins stated the sewer plant road is either a class 2 or class 3 road, and cannot have a locked gate.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Tim Green, to approve the minutes of the October 19 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to renew the agreements with Anita Mason and James Clawson for use of town-owned land on Willow Street. The motion carried.

Laura advised the board that her last day of full-time employment will be January 29, 2016. She is able to continue working for the board on a part-time basis, and working with REAC on a volunteer basis.

Linda Collins reported there have been good comments about the sheriff deputies handing out candy on Halloween night.

Linda reported the Historical Society needs a security gate for the overhead door. Larry Patterson will be contacted to make repairs.

Wayne Hurtubise reported the highway crew has completely gone through the 2006 truck, and are maintaining the other trucks as well.

Winter sand has been stockpiled.

Sidewalks have been repaired

A highway employee who recently had surgery is now back at work.

Tim Green reported a waiver has been prepared for the Cornerstone Community Center regarding storing belongings in the post office basement.

Tim is working with the northwest solid waste district regarding a trash issue on River Street.

Norris Tillotson reported the water and sewer departments are in good shape. Daryl Fithian, an employee of Simon Operation Service, is doing a good job and has the plants working as they should. David Record will need to clean the water intake soon.

Tim Green discussed the water/sewer billing for the new car wash/laundromat.

Tim Green discussed the emergency services building. Laura was directed to research the minutes regarding cleaning the building.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to enter executive session at 8:10 PM to discuss personnel and legal issues. The motion carried.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to leave executive session, at 8:20 PM. The motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant