

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

December 15, 2014

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order at 7:0 PM with members Tim Green, Wayne Hurtubise, Chris Martel and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were Laura Ovitt, Brad Bates and Dani Jancko.

Dani Jancko discussed her trash bill. She proposed paying half of the bill and asking the board to waive the remainder. She explained that her apartment was not rented for part of the time. The board determined they will reduce the bill for the months the apartment was empty upon presentation of documentation.

Dani also discussed parking on Eastern Avenue. Ordinances are in place, but there are no signs. Wayne Hurtubise will see that signs are set. Dani left the meeting.

Brad Bates discussed his 195 Troy Street property, saying he is getting mixed messages from the zoning administrator. He provided letters, which will be copied and returned.

Brad discussed the municipal trash service. He will contact the town clerk's office.

Brad discussed potential uses for the funeral home. Brad left the meeting.

Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the minutes of the Dec. 1 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to approve the minutes of the Dec. 9 special meeting. The motion carried.

Laura explained Mark Ovitt's supplemental insurance will increase by \$10 to \$40 per month for 2015.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to approve the increase. The motion carried.

Linda Collins discussed the high school generator. The board determined that Pat Goff needs to make the needed repairs.

Wayne Hurtubise reported the 2007 International is down for repairs.

Wayne discussed towing during the winter parking ban. He said the trucks have been plowing around the cars. The men need to call for the cars to be towed.

Chris Martel reported the VAST trail at the playground has been moved away from the ball fields.

Tim Green reported the annual elevator inspections have been completed. The Town Hall and Emergency Services Building have been granted conditional permits pending needed repairs.

Gene Garron has advised he will no longer operate the lights and audio in the auditorium. Arrangements are being made for another person to handle the operation.

Tim reported he will research the proposed vault expansion.

Chris Martel discussed the status of the vicious dog case. Laura will contact the attorney.

Laura reported on restitution received to date regarding an animal cruelty case.

Tim Green reported charges for the trash service need to be increased because tipping fees have increased.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to approve increasing charges for the trash service from \$65.65 to \$69.00 per quarter for 2015. The motion carried.

Norris Tillotson reported the sewer department is looking into a container to be used for sludge removal.

Norris reported 'bacteria spikes' are available which, when driven into the sludge, increase the bacterial action and reduce the amount of sludge in the lagoon.

Norris reviewed the monthly SOS report.

Norris has requested a quote for rebuilding the screen at the water intake.

The board reviewed two letters appealing the interest/penalty charges applied to delinquent water bills.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Linda Collins, to reject the appeals. The motion carried.

Tim Green reported an ambulance employee has requested access to the town health insurance. Tim will talk to Kathy Benoit about scheduling fewer hours. Laura will contact the town attorney.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Linda Collins to enter executive session at 8:55 PM to discuss personnel. The motion carried. Laura left the meeting.

Laura rejoined the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to leave executive session at 9:10 PM. The motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant