

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

December 21, 2015

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM with members Tim Green, Wayne Hurtubise, Chris Martel and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were Laura Ovitt, Josh Aldrich, Joey Randall, Eric Collins and Levi Fuller.

Levi Fuller asked the board for suggestions of where the Cornerstone Community Center might be able to relocate. Several options were discussed. Levi left the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Linda Collins, to approve the minutes of the December 7 regular meeting. The motion carried.

The Health Officer position was discussed. If no one is appointed the selectboard chair automatically assumes the position. Joey Randall said he is willing to volunteer if no other candidates are found. The board decided to advertise the position in the County Courier for one week, and to post it on front porch forum.

The next budget meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 5:15 PM.

Wayne Hurtubise reported the state is looking for the board to accept the paving project that was done on Routes 105 and 139. He said there are problems with the project. A letter will be sent.

The listers have advised that the town highway map showing Nickson Road does not match the current road use. Wayne will research the matter with the highway foreman.

The highway budget is doing well.

Chris Martel reported he is working with the highway department to develop an estimate for road work needed in the Richford Center Cemetery.

The mattress has been removed from the playground; there is still some trash.

Tim Green reported the heating bills for the town buildings have been much less than last year at this time.

The timer for the park has been reset so the holiday lights are on at night and off during the day.

Chris Martel reported the planned meeting with the sheriff and Enosburg selectman has not yet been rescheduled.

Norris Tillotson reported the water and sewer systems are working well.

The meeting to discuss connecting the Berkshire water system to the Richford water system will be set according to Berkshire's schedule. They are still getting information together.

Glenn Embury is preparing an estimate for replanking the bridge going to the water intake.

Tim Green reported storm drains are being replaced on River Street.

Linda reported the equalized education property value effective 1/1/2016 has been received, as well as the current CLA. A reappraisal is not needed at this time.

Linda reported she met with one of the school directors who told her the school system has many fewer tuition students, which has had a negative impact on their budget. The school directors have asked to be relieved of paying the annual administrative expense to the town. The board determined to arrange for a meeting with the supervisory business manager, a school director, the town clerk and the board.

Linda read the section of state statute that involves appointing assistant town clerks.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to enter executive session at 7:55 PM to discuss personnel. The motion carried. All guests and Laura left the meeting.

Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to leave executive session at 8:45 PM. The motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant