

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

February 3, 2014

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM with members Wayne Hurtubise and Norris Tillotson present. Also present was Laura Ovitt.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to approve the minutes of the Jan. 7, 9, 22 and 23 special meetings. The motion carried.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to approve the minutes of the Jan. 16 emergency meeting as corrected to state that Chris Martel did not attend the meeting. The motion carried.

Action on the Jan. 20 regular and BOCC meetings was deferred due to lack of a quorum of board members present at that meeting.

The selectboard appointed Deborah Foote as Town Coordinator for Green Up Day.

The selectboard approved the Lions Club request to set off fireworks at the water treatment plant on July 5, with a rain date of July 12.

The board deferred action on the agreement with Anita Mason, determining to make another effort to contact her.

Laura reported a letter was received from the Vermont Assoc. of Conservation Districts requesting an appropriation for the dry hydrant program. The letter was received too late for any action to be taken. Laura will send a letter advising of the necessary process if they wish to submit a request next year.

Linda Collins reported the secretary of state has issued an opinion stating that "Private organizations may not seek municipal appropriations." No action was taken, other than the board will look into the question.

Linda presented a copy of the Fire Department General Policies and Guidelines for Selectboard approval. The board approved the policies.

Linda reported Attorney Joe Cahill has given his opinion regarding a question raised about a zoning issue.

Wayne Hurtubise presented the Certificate of Highway Mileage, which is the basis for state aid for highways, for approval. Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the certificate. The motion carried.

Wayne reported he and highway foreman John Nutting will attend a FEMA meeting on Feb. 6 regarding the December ice storm.

Wayne reported the 2-ton truck is being repaired.

Linda Collins reported for Chris Martel that the Kubota tractor is now being kept at the sewer plant, which will not work out for mowing the playground. The board determined to store the tractor at the Historical Society, therefore being accessible for the highway crew and for playground maintenance. The security fence at the vehicle impound at the village garage was discussed. The board determined to use jersey barriers to secure the area.

Wayne Hurtubise reported that Bruce Wetherby has asked about whether the trash service will be continued.

Norris Tillotson that one cell at the water plant has new sand installed.

There have been sewer issues on Highland Avenue and Intervale Avenue, which have been addressed. The muffin Monster at the sewer plant has been removed and is being checked out. Manual maintenance is being done in the meantime.

There has been no action on the frack tank.

VTel has submitted a pole easement request for the mono-tower to be installed at the water plant. The board approved the request.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to enter executive session at 8:02 PM to discuss personnel. The motion carried.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to leave executive session at 8:15 PM. The motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

Wayne Hurtubise reported he will be unable to attend the Feb. 17 meeting, as he will be away. He will return before town meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant