

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHORD, VERMONT**

April 18, 2016

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, Daniel Burns, Kim Collins, Eric Collins, Bob Simons, Mike McAllister and John Libbey.

Daniel Burns told the board he would like to go back to having a dumpster for trash removal at his Intervale Avenue apartment house. Tim Green said he does not want him to be flip-flopping. After discussion, motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Chris Martel, to allow Burns to go back to a dumpster at the end of this quarter (June 30). The motion carried, with Norris Tillotson voting no. Burns left the meeting.

Bob Simmons gave an update regarding the basketball court at the playground. The group would like the court to be open by June 26. The board determined to meet with John Nutting at 9:00 tomorrow morning. Bob Simmons and Mike McAllister left the meeting.

John Libbey discussed property at 26 and 30 Troy Street, saying the properties are now in an estate and no one is responding to violation notices. John recommended sending the violations to the attorney. Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to send these violations to the attorney. The motion carried, with Norris Tillotson abstaining.

Chris Martel reported property at 141 Corliss Road is becoming a junk yard. John will investigate.

Linda Collins read a letter from the attorney to the owner of 60 River Street regarding zoning violations.

Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the minutes of the April 4 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Kim Collins discussed the house numbering ordinance adopted by Hyde Park. Eric Collins volunteered to research state requirements and to prepare an ordinance appropriate for Richford.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Chris Martel, to approve a letter authorizing Kim Collins to carry out necessary activities as 911 coordinator. The motion carried.

Kim reported she is meeting with the 911 state representative tomorrow.

Wayne Hurtubise reported the highway crew is working on graveling roads and on ditching. The highway department is looking into getting a mulcher, which will be needed as ditching is being done.

The board discussed the sewer plant road. This is apparently a pent road, which can be gated.

Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to readopt the Emergency Operations Plan. There have been no changes since 2015. The motion carried.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to reappoint Annette Goyne and Debbie Foote to 4-year terms on the Conservation Committee. The motion carried.

Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to appoint Alan Fletcher to a 3 year term and Marianne Hall to a 2 year term on the Revolving Loan Fund Committee. The motion carried.

The board discussed the town service officer. It is time for reappointment, but paperwork has not yet been received. Debbie Green is willing to be reappointed.

Laura reported the grant application to USDA Rural Development for defibs for the ambulances has been approved.

Chris Martel reported the playground is being prepared for baseball.
Tree removal has been scheduled for the cemetery.

Tim Green reported Matt Irons has started spring clean-up in the parks.

Chris Martel reported a meeting is being arranged with law enforcement regarding additional coverage for the summer months.

Tim Green said he will draft a letter to Daniel Burns. Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to rescind the vote made earlier in the meeting regarding the dumpster. The motion carried. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Linda Collins, to allow Daniel Burns to return to using a dumpster on July 1, 2016 contingent on payment of the current municipal trash bill. The motion carried, with Norris Tillotson voting no.

Tim Green will get details of the requirements for pick-up of yard debris from the state.

Norris Tillotson reported the water and sewer departments are in pretty good shape. There is possibly a leaky valve on Province Street.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to enter executive session at 8:26 PM to discuss personnel. The motion carried. All guests left the meeting.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to leave executive session at 8:50 PM. The motion carried.

Laura Ovitt and Mikeal Randall joined the meeting.

Mikeal Randall discussed road-side mowing with the board. Wayne Hurtubise will speak with the road foreman.

Laura was asked to better document her hours.

As a result of executive session, motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to allow the chair to negotiate an agreement with the new town clerk. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant