

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

**April 20, 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, Albert Perry, Doug Kussic, Soroiff Tinker and Jacob Tinker.

Albert Perry, on behalf of REAC, reported the Main Street project has gone out for bids. The work will be split between two contractors. He asked the board's permission to cut the trees on the river-side of the soil pile. The board agreed stating the stumps must be buried. Albert asked for a map showing town utilities under the street and side walk. There is an old service line for 113 Main Street. The board will provide the needed information prior to May 1. Mr. Perry left the meeting.

Doug Kussic reported the elementary school is planning a 'bike-to-school' day for May 15. The students will leave from Davis Park, travel on River, Main and Troy Streets and finish on the rail trail. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to support the May 15 'bike-to-school' day. The motion carried. Mr. Kussic left the meeting.

Soroiff Tinker said they are renting the Adriance property on Eastern Avenue. They would like to get off the municipal trash system. Tim Green explained the system is a self-sustaining program with everyone paying their share. The town's contract with the hauler is based on usage. Mr. and Ms. Tinker left the meeting.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to approve the minutes of the April 6 regular meeting. The motion carried.

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

Linda Collins read a thank you letter to the Troy Fire Department for their assistance with the East Richford fire.

Linda reported one of the fire trucks and some of the fire hoses were damaged due to the heat of that fire.

Linda read a letter from the Northwest Solid Waste District asking for board permission to hold a household hazardous waste collection at the town garage on June 20 from 8 AM to 1 PM. The board agreed by consensus. Tim Green signed the permission.

Linda read a letter from the health center asking permission to use the playground from 8 AM to 1 PM beginning June 20 and continuing through August 1 for the summer day camp. The board agreed.

Wayne Hurtubise presented a driveway permit application from Dan and Melissa Richardson. Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Linda Collins, to approve the driveway permit application pending receipt of the recording fee. The motion carried.

Wayne reported the road crew has started sweeping streets.

Chris Martel reported the road crew is waiting for a part for the big sweeper, and are using a brush on the front of the payload for now.

Tim Green reported G. W. Tatro was awarded the contract for Davis Bridge.

Chris Martel reported the bathroom at the playground needs repair. He has ordered a port-a-let. Tim Green will have his handiman check on doing repairs.

Carroll McAllister will repair the gate at the playground that is now lying on the ground.

A burial at Richford Center Cemetery caused significant damage. Spears Funeral Home paid for the repair and did a nice job.

Tim Green reported he is ordering signage for the Main Street Park and is providing bags for dog waste. The flag at Davis Park has been down for some time. The pole needs repair. The road foreman will look into repairing the pole.

The technician for the wheelchair lifts will be on site tomorrow to complete the needed certifications. Materials for the library roof will be delivered tomorrow.

Chris Martel reported a court date will be set for the animal abuse case. A motion hearing is pending. Chris reported he has received a report of a pit bull attack on Hamilton Place. He will contact the animal control officer.

Tim Green reported he will be attending a seminar on Wednesday regarding the new universal recycling law.

Norris reported a check valve has been installed at the playground pump station. The highway crew assisted with the digging. The river did not flood the lagoons this spring.

Wayne Elliot of Aldrich & Elliot Engineers will come during the first week in May to work on repairs for Thomas Street. The work needs to be done prior to the paving contract.

The water department is working on repairing/replacing hydrants.

The sewer department is working on setting the sludge tank.

Turbidity has been an issue due to high water, but is being handled.

The filters at the water plant are working as they should.

Water rates were discussed. Any change will need to be noticed with the May billing.

The board discussed trash encroachment on a Province Street property. The situation will be followed up with zoning and the property owner.

Tim Green reported the Enpro bill has been settled and is now behind us. He is waiting to learn the charges for sludge removal at the emergency services building.

Chris Martel discussed a zoning violation regarding trash at a Corliss Road property.

The board discussed the condition of North Avenue. Wayne Hurtubise will consult with the road foreman. Norris Tillotson discussed water and sewer lines on that street.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Laura Ovitt  
Administrative Assistant