

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

April 4, 2016

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM with members Tim Green, Wayne Hurtubise, and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were Laura Ovitt, Alan Fletcher, Sheila Record, Eric Collins, Angela Tracy and John Libbey.

Alan Fletcher discussed a tax anticipation note, saying the town would pay 2.85% on the loan and earn 3.3% on the deposit. Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the note. The motion carried.

Alan discussed the appointment for the town clerk position. Interviews will be held Thursday, April 7, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Alan discussed a bill from Sticks and Stuff that does not identify which department should be charged.

Alan presented a notice regarding wind and solar power that would allow local officials more say in the development of projects.

Angela Tracy advised the board that she will retire effective September 30, 2016. The board expressed their regret that she is leaving and wished her the best in the future. Angie, Sheila and Alan left the meeting.

John Libbey, acting zoning administrator, discussed the storage container for the day camp. Linda Collins signed the zoning application on behalf of the board.

John reported junk is accumulating on the Priest Block.

John discussed property at 60 River Street that continues to accumulate junk. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to send the issue to the attorney. The motion carried.

John presented a letter from an attorney asking the board to waive a lien on 126 Center Street. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to waive the \$2,640.00 lien contingent on transfer of the property. The motion carried.

Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the minutes of the March 21 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Linda Collins reported on-going vandalism at the historical society building.

The board discussed the stump dump. Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Tim Green, to close the stump dump. The motion carried. The board determined the need to keep the gate closed.

Linda Collins, Health Officer, advised the board of a dog bite report.

Wayne Hurtubise reported Better Roads Grant applications that are being submitted:

\$20,000 for Berry Road

\$40,000 to replace a culvert on Corliss Road

Work on North Branch Road for which an amount has not yet been determined.

Wayne reported a state class 2 application will be submitted for additional paving on South Richford Road.

A state structures grant application will be submitted to replace bridge number 21.

The state is checking on storm drains that were left too high when ECI paved routes 105 and 139. The state will make the repairs.

The highway department 4-day week will begin on May 1.

The highway department will pick up yard debris the first two weeks in May, Halloween week and the first week in November.

Tim Green reported several projects at the emergency services building, including rekeying the building and developing a contract for maintenance of the oil separating device. The lift has been recertified.

Tim reported the owner of an apartment building on Intervale Ave. wants to use a dumpster rather than be on the trash system. He was told to come to a meeting.

Norris Tillotson reported two water leaks on Troy Street have been repaired.

The hydrant on Short Street needs work.

There are problems with using alum at the sewer plant. Norris is investigating whether another product will be useable.

There is an issue with the generator at the water plant.

Linda Collins advised there will be a public meeting on April 25 to learn more about Act 46.

Marianne Hall has declined the positions of town moderator and school district moderator, to which she was elected at town meeting.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise to enter executive session at 9:10 PM to discuss personnel. The motion carried. Eric Collins and John Libbey left the meeting.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to leave executive session at 9:20 PM. The motion carried.

As a result of executive session, the board determined to hold interviews this week for town clerk candidates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Laura Ovitt

Administrative Assistant