

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

May 16, 2016

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order at 6:45 PM with members Tim Green, Wayne Hurtubise, Charis Martel and Norris Tillotson present. Also present was Laura Ovitt.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to enter executive session at 6:48 PM to discuss personnel. The motion carried. Laura left the meeting.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to leave executive session at 7:10 PM. The motion carried. Laura, Joe Pollender, Eric Collins and Rowena Brown joined the meeting.

Joe Pollender stated he is concerned that property values in the village are deteriorating. Eric Collins, Lister, stated there are good sales on the books.

Eric Collins reported for Kim Collins that she has named a private drive that will need to be renamed.

Rowena Brown discussed how yard waste is going to be handled once the universal recycling law goes into effect. Tim Green explained the board has submitted a proposal to the state and waiting for a response.

Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the minutes of the May 2 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Linda Collins discussed the USDA grant for defibs for the ambulances. An additional \$14,997 is needed for matching funds, and suggested borrowing the money from the revolving loan fund. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to pay the balance of the matching funds from the revolving loan fund at 0% interest, with anticipated payback from the ambulance equipment fund over a maximum of two years. The motion carried.

Linda advised the board that the elementary school "Bike to School Day" will be Friday, June 3.

Linda read a letter from Kaytec, Inc. thanking the public works and water departments for their prompt response to a recent problem.

Linda read a letter from the Richford Lions Club requesting funds to help pay to replace the "Welcome to Richford" signs.

Linda read a letter from Kevin Blaney saying he is interested in serving on the development review board. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to appoint Kevin Blaney to the DRB. The motion carried.

Linda reported two public hearings coming before the DRB. REAC is starting phase two of their 111-113 Main Street project, and Dan Newton is appealing a decision regarding a pond on an abutting property. Linda reported the discharge for the lien on property at 126 Center Street has been received. Linda signed the discharge.

Wayne Hurtubise reported the stump dump has been cleaned up and closed.

Wayne reported a dispute between land owners regarding a gate on a class 43 road, saying this is a civil process and not a board issue.

Chris Martel reported the road over the soft ball field at the playground needs attention.

Chris reported the stump of a tree cut at the cemetery last year has been removed.

Limbs near the power lines are being trimmed.

Stones are being checked to determine if work is needed.

A stone at Hillside Cemetery needs attention.

Tim Green reported the lease for the supervisory union at the post office includes an automatic renewal for two years.

The library is requesting security cameras.

Tim reported he will be in the office working on rail trail issues.

Tim reported the office of Town Service Officer has been eliminated.

Chris Martel thanked Linda Collins for attending a meeting he had scheduled with the branches of law enforcement.

Chris will be scheduling a meeting with Sheriff Norris and Will Ruprecht to discuss summer coverage.

Tim discussed a false alarm at Main Street Mill and the response from Central Dispatch and the Fire Department.

Tim Green questioned whether a trash bill had been paid that would allow a property to use a dumpster.

Norris Tillotson reported the gravel has been cleaned from behind the dam at the water intake.

Work on the road to the dam has been completed.

The board reviewed the SOS monthly report.

Water and sewer tests now need to go to Winooski.

Preparations are being made for the Thomas Street project.

The Sorb-x appears to be working well. The remainder of the alum will be used when the weather is warmer.

The water system is in good shape.

Tim Green reported 24 River Street has two water meters, the second being for the commercial property. The restaurant area has been capped off and now has no water. They are asking to have the payment reduced for one commercial base.

Linda Collins questioned how fines are handled.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant