

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

May 18, 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, Robert St. Pierre, John Libbey, Rowena Brown and Karen Cangelosi.

Robert St. Pierre discussed the water billing for the American Legion. He said the May reading is double the historic usage. Norris Tillotson said the meter will be read again to get a weekly usage.

Robert said business at the Legion has dropped off, partly because of neighbors causing issues such as noise, snakes, stabbing.

Linda said the board has a message from the attorney regarding tenant issues.

Laura was directed to contact the Rutland Town Manager regarding a 'responsible landlord' ordinance.

John Libbey discussed the board's decision to change the hours for Memorial Park to 'dawn to dusk', which was voted on Oct. 6, 2014.

John reported Regional Planning wants the board to hold a public hearing on August 3 (just prior to their regular meeting) regarding renewal of the village center designation.

Karen Cangelosi reported a car has been in the municipal lot on River Street for some time. Chris Martel will handle the issue.

Site changes for Jolley/Pinnacle Peddler are scheduled to happen in the fall.

A Troy Street property is now in violation due to 'junk' stored on the property.

A rental unit on Troy Street is in Violation due to junk – the landlord will be contacted. Karen will send the Feb. 3 letter to Laura.

Linda Collins said the zoning administrator will report to the DRB, and the DRB will communicate with the selectboard.

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

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Chris Martel, to approve the minutes of the May 13 special meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Linda Collins, to appoint the legal firm of Bauer, Farnham Gravel to handle the tax sale. Their colleague, Vaughn Comeau, is the attorney the town deals with. The motion carried.

Wayne Hurtubise reported a culvert on the Golf Course Road needs to be replaced, which will require closing the road for a day. The closing will need as much advance notice as possible.

The highway crew will re-do a section of North Avenue this summer.

A water line on Thomas Street needs to be replaced. This will be scheduled to work in conjunction with the highway department paving schedule.

A section of the School Street sidewalk is in poor condition and needs to be replaced.

The highway foreman has reported the South Richford Road is 'cured' of damage caused by an excavator being driven over it. The attorney has dismissed the charges without prejudice.

Chris Martel reported a volunteer is needed to close the gate at the playground in the evening.

The annual meeting for the Richford Center Cemetery Association will be June 11 at 6:30 PM. This is the same date and time as the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. Tim Green volunteered to be the alternate appointee for the committee. A letter will be sent to Bethany Remmers at Regional Planning.

Chris reported he met with Kim Collins and Stan Guilmette regarding the South Richford Cemetery. The board will take over maintenance of this cemetery this year.

Chris Martel reported a special meeting was held with the sheriff's office patrol commander. Extra patrols will be added in the near future.

Tim Green reported he is preparing the municipal trash plan that is due by June 6.

Norris Tillotson reported SOS personnel will be on site when work is done on North Avenue to document locations of water/sewer lines, and to make repairs as needed.

Work is being done to stabilize the flow between the lagoons at the wastewater plant.

The sludge-sled is being set. Once done, sludge will be able to be pumped from both lagoons simultaneously.

There is one water line leak left to be repaired on Academy Lane.

The chlorine pump at the wastewater plant needed to be replaced. This one is guaranteed for 5 years.

Chris Martel reported Attorney Cahill is working on an animal control issue in Stevens Mills.

Linda reported at least three board members will need to attend the special meeting tomorrow at 6:30 for the vicious dog hearing.

Linda Collins presented the letter of agreement for the CAMA Cost Tables Services. The board agreed to consensus to accept and pay for the services.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Laura Ovitt, Administrative Assistant