

**Amended by vote of the board at the June 1 selectboard meeting.**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

**May 4, 2015**

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order with members Tim Green, Wayne Hurtubise, Chris Martel and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were Laura Ovitt, John Libbey and Joe Pollender.

John Libbey noted shingles are coming off the town hall roof. Tim Green advised that the contractor will check the roof next week when he comes to replace the library roof.

John noted an eyebrow window at the town hall has broken panes. Tim Green advised the window will be covered by plexiglass.

The main street park was discussed. Tim Green noted there is an existing sign stating park hours. He will be making improvements in the near future.

John noted the lights in the park have not been on for some time.

The gazebo at Davis Park needs repair. Tim Green advised arrangements for the repairs are being made.

John said perhaps the beautification committee can paint the gazebo after the repairs are finished.

The stump dump was discussed. John had taken yard debris to the stump dump in biodegradable bags, and the bags were refused. Norris Tillotson explained that the stump dump has a burn permit, and paper is not allowed because the paper can blow away.

Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Chris Martel, to approve the minutes of April 20 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Laura advised that the Local Emergency Operation Plan needs to be readopted. There were no changes to the local contacts, but St. Albans Central has updated the mutual aid information. Tim Green noted there are some missing contacts as follows: Jack Corse should be added to Fuels/Heat, and WVNY, WFFF and VTel should be added to Emergency Public Information.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Linda Collins, to readopt the plan with amendments. The motion carried.

Linda Collins reported she has heard complaints about large trucks using jake brakes. The board determined the drivers would not use the jake brakes if they were not needed.

The board discussed manure trucks using North Avenue, which significantly adds to the wear and tear.

Wayne Hurtubise reported he has discussed the Bike To School day – May 15 – with the road foreman. Necessary arrangements will be made.

The highway crew is working on cleaning ditches.

The men are upgrading the street sweeper.

Work on the South Richford Road culvert has begun.

Chris Martel reported two trees have been removed from the Troy Street Cemetery. Two more trees will be removed next year.

Chris reported he has met with Kim Collins and Stan Guilmette regarding the South Richford Cemetery. The town will now be taking care of this cemetery. Private money was used to repair the chain link fence.

The playground is going full blast.

Tim Green reported some small repairs are being made in the public buildings.

The lifts at the town hall and library have passed inspection and have been recertified. The lift at the emergency services building has been 'locked out' until repairs are made.

The board reviewed the mowing contract with Matt Irons. Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to accept the contract. The motion carried.

Tim Green reported he attended a seminar regarding the new universal recycling law. The town will need to file a municipal trash plan with the state by June 6. The haulers will need to provide recycling ability for town.

Tim has discussed trash issues at 104 River Street with the health officer and the housing officer. A larger dumpster is needed.

Norris Tillotson advised the water line under the Main Street bridge needs repair. He has called ECI for an estimate for welding the line. Norris thanked Paul Martin of the fire department for his assistance.

A hydrant on Liberty Street is leaking. A technician is coming to give an estimate for repairs.

The water line on Golf Course Road is leaking.

Wayne Elliot will be in town Wednesday to discuss repairs. He will meet with Laura to discuss a state program for funding.

Plans are being made to replace a hydrant on Intervale Avenue. The current hydrant is under-pressure.

Norris reported there is an issue with the flow between lagoons 1 and 2 at the waste treatment plant.

He is working on a solution.

The frac tank is on site. A base needs to be established.

Tim Green reported he has talked with the SOS personnel regarding their relationship with the town hall personnel.

Some issues with reading meters have arisen. The Neptune system is not compatible with NEMRC.

Chris Martel reported an animal control issue at a vacant property in Stevens Mills. He and Laura will contact the attorney tomorrow.

Snake issues are returning with the improved weather. The exotic animal ordinance needs to be reviewed.

The board discussed the stabbing incident that occurred behind the laundromat on May 2. The injured person was released from the hospital today.

A homeless person, who has been out of town for several months, is returning to the area. The highway crew will clean up the Troy Street park campsite and take the debris to Casella. The expense will be charged to general expenses – account number 01-8-30-25.

The board agreed the extra shifts for sheriff patrols needs to start now. A meeting will be arranged with Patrol Commander Will Ruprecht.

The board discussed what level of performance can be dictated by the board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Laura Ovitt  
Administrative Assistant