

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

**May 5, 2014**

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 was Laura Ovitt.

Lt. John Flanagan, Commander of Vermont State Police, joined the meeting. Lt. Flanagan gave an update on VSP activities and discussed the challenges the department faces covering the large geographic area. Lt. Flanagan provided posters with information regarding common materials used to manufacture methamphetamine for distribution to local businesses that may carry the materials. Lt. Flanagan left the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Sue Hartman, Jeri Barkley, Doni Longley, Doug Kussius, Zachary Longley, Alison Barkley, Elizabeth Snider and Nicole Cunningham of Richford Elementary School; Alan Fletcher, Sheila Record, John Nutting, and Mike Randall joined the meeting.

The elementary students gave an impressive presentation regarding their school's participation in the National Bike Riding Challenge Day on Friday, May 23. The students will bike from Davis Park to the Troy Street entrance to the Rail Trail beginning at 7:50 AM until approximately 8:10 AM. They asked that the right lane of the streets involved be closed for the period of the ride. Adult volunteers will be on hand. Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Tim Green, to close the right-hand lane from Davis Park to the Rail Trail on May 23 from 7:30 – 8:10 AM for the elementary school bike ride. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Kussius, Ms. Hartman, Ms. Barkley, Ms. Longley and the students left the meeting.

Alan Fletcher addressed the board regarding the town's property and liability insurance coverage, requesting hiring a knowledgeable person to review the town's current coverage to determine if the town's needs are being met. The board so approved.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to enter executive session at 7:31 PM to discuss finances. The motion carried. John Nutting and Mike Randall left the meeting.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Chris Martel, to leave executive session at 7:43 PM. The motion carried. No action was taken as a result of executive session. John Nutting and Mike Randall rejoined the meeting.

Mike Randall discussed this delinquent trash bill, referring to the letter he received from the board stating the bill is his responsibility. He asked that the delinquent amount be waived and that he be allowed to participate in the system starting now. The board agreed to discuss the request later in the meeting. Mr. Randall left the meeting.

Road Foreman John Nutting said he was present for bid openings for the sale of the 1998 Mack truck and the 2002 Tenco side dump truck body with sander spinner. Road Commissioner Wayne Hurtubise read the bids as follows:

1998 Mack Truck      Jason Wetherby - \$2020  
                             Norman Thompson - \$2005  
                             Art Bosquet - \$4160

2002 Tenco dump body  
                             Norman Thompson - \$505  
                             Jason Wetherby - \$420  
                             Russell Marcy - \$201

Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Linda Collins, to accept bids from Art Bosquet for the truck and from Norman Thompson for the dump body. The motion carried.

John Nutting presented a lease-purchase proposal from Champlain Chevrolet for a 2014 Silverado 3500 with a Fisher plow system and Tarco material spreader.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Chris Martel, to approve the 3-year lease-purchase proposal at \$17,109.55 per year. Wayne Hurtubise will sign a commitment letter in the morning. The motion carried.

John discussed the 2013 Better Backroads grant for erosion mitigation on the South Richford Road. The town has received a 2014 Better Backroads grant for preparing a road inventory and capital budget plan. John reported the clean-up of debris from the December ice storm is going well. FEMA is providing \$67,000 reimbursement as a small project.

John reported Green-up Day was very successful and well organized. He recognized the efforts of Richford's Boy Scouts.

John will arrange for signage and road markings for the recently approved two handicapped parking spaces in front of the American Legion. John requested the signs be placed on the building.

John left the meeting.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Chris Martel, to approve the minutes of the April 21 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Tim Green, to approve the minutes of the April 23 emergency meeting. The motion carried, with Chris Martel abstaining.

Laura reported the girls' softball team has asked permission to hold a car wash at the fire station on Saturday, May 10. The board so approved.

Chris Martel reported he has a high school student raking Memorial Park as part of the student's community service hours.

Chris reported the person who has volunteered to open and close the playground has resigned.

Tim Green discussed hiring for 'handyman' projects at the town's buildings.

Tim reported the water heater at the town hall has been replaced.

Chris Martel reported a technician from Sun Ray will be here Friday, May 9 to meet with Chris and Border Patrol agents for training in use of the town's surveillance cameras.

Chris reported two Province Street residents have spoken with him regarding parking issues and drainage problems.

Linda Collins reported she and Chris Martell attending a meeting with a committee working to find space available for activities formerly held at the community center. Linda asked permission for the reparative board to meet at the town hall. Tim Green said he will find space for the board.

The board discussed the trash bill for Mike Randall. The board agreed to charge Mr. Randall \$130.00 to pay for the stickers he originally received and for the current quarter. The board stipulated this is a one-time offer.

Linda Collins reported she has received an amended complaint, together with copies of the Town's answer and certificate of service, for the vicious dog complaint of Whitfield v. Town of Richford. Laura reported the residence of the dogs is currently in question. Chris Martel will have the animal control officer investigate.

Chris Martel reported the final pay for the previous animal control is being held pending return of town-owned materials and equipment.

Norris Tillotson reported water meter readings is currently incomplete.

David Record has removed debris at the water intake.

The flow-meter at the water plant has not been working properly. DC Energy is working on the problem.

Norris presented a quote from Goff Electric for maintenance of the town's generators.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Tim Green, to discontinue the generator maintenance contract with Milton Cat and to contract with Goff Electric. The motion carried.

Norris reported he is meeting with Drummac tomorrow regarding sludge removal at the sewer plant.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Chris Martel, to appoint Eric Collins to the vacant lister position for the remainder of the year. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Laura Ovitt  
Administrative Assistant