

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

**June 15, 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, Henry Haggerty, Alan Fletcher, Sheila Record, Jamie McAllister, Karen Cangelosi and Tracy Ovitt (7:20 PM).

Henry Haggerty, President of the Richford Center Cemetery Association, discussed the cremation lots. These will be sold as 4' x 8' throughout that section at \$150.00 per lot plus \$150 for set of corner markers. People purchasing more than one adjoining lots will need only one set of corner markers. Laura Ovitt commented that, when purchasing her stone, Steve Plouff recommended limiting stone size for a single lot to 30", or to require purchasing two lots. This was to leave adequate room between markers. Henry discussed amending Article 16 of the bylaws to strike "no artificial plants or flowers". Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to change the bylaw to allow appropriately secured artificial flowers, potted plants and trinkets. The motion carried. Henry left the meeting.

Alan Fletcher discussed the penalty imposed by the state on property owners who are late filing the homestead declaration form, saying the board has the right to waive the penalty. The board agreed by consensus to stand by the decision made last year to not waive the penalty until such time as it is voted to rescind the decision.

Alan advised a special meeting may be needed to set the 2015 tax rate.

Jamie McAllister discussed the low water pressure issues she has had at her property since February. She said the problem was corrected today. She would like consideration on her current bill for the inconvenience. The board agreed to discuss the issue later in the meeting. Jamie McAllister, Sheila Record and Alan Fletcher left the meeting.

Karen Cangelosi discussed a trash issue at 272 Troy Street that started in 2009 and has waxed and waned ever since. She said the attorney advised that he can reopen the complaint and impose fines. The board agreed to follow that course. Karen left the meeting.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to enter executive session at 7:30 PM to discuss personnel. The motion carried.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise to leave executive session at 7:55 PM. The motion carried.

As a result of executive session, motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to determine the dogs owned by John and Pat Boyce – subjects of the recent 'vicious dog complaint', be determined to be 'potentially vicious dogs', and restraints will be determined by the public safety commissioner. The motion carried. Tracy Ovitt left the meeting.

Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Tim Green, to approve the minutes of the June 1 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the minutes of the June 9 public hearing. The motion carried.

Linda Collins discussed the water bill for the American Legion that was discussed at the May 18 regular meeting. The bill is three times the average of previous bills. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to reduce the bill by \$500.00, and to ask that water usage be closely monitored during future winter months. The motion carried.

The board discussed the McAllister water bill. Norris Tillotson will check with SOS personnel to determine the actual cause of the problem.

Tim Green reported a storm drain at 114 River Street does not drain, causing water to pool in the area. The board determined they will clean the drain and bill the property owner for the expense.

Wayne Hurtubise reported there are property owners wanting to run underground electric lines. The highway foreman received language for a buried utility permit from another town. Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to allow the foreman to pursue the permit. The motion carried. Wayne reported Chris Brunelle, Stream Alteration Specialist, will not require a cement box for the Golf Course Road culvert but has determined the town will need to use ledge.

Wayne discussed the storm drain issue on Dunlavy Avenue. The board determined this is the property owner's issue.

The board discussed road signage at 32 River Street. The state has suggested placing the signs in their original location until the underground tank issue is resolved. The board agreed.

Tim Green reported the conservation commission will hold Riverfest on June 27. In conjunction with the event, the Northern Forest will conduct a paddle/pedal race. Tim requested permission to borrow highway cones for the morning of the race, and for highway department help to hang a banner from the bridge. The board agreed.

Tim requested permission from Wayne Hurtubise to hang ropes from the bridge going to the island to be used as a start point for the race. Wayne agreed, provided the ropes are removed promptly.

Tim reported Randy Jewett has recently returned to town, and has offered to assist with closing the playground gate.

Tim Green reported the emergency services building lift is now working. Progress is being made replacing the library roof.

Tim reported he has talked with the sheriff's office regarding ATV issues, which will be addressed by the end of the week.

Tim reported on the transportation advisory committee meeting he attended last week, saying the TAC is recommending a 'park and ride' be established in Richford.

Tim reported he is drafting a letter to include with upcoming trash bills.

Norris Tillotson discussed the proposal from Aldrich & Elliott for engineering services for the Thomas Street water-line replacement project.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to approve the proposal with corrections made to the introduction section of the scope of services. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Laura Ovitt  
Administrative Assistant