

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

**June 16, 2014**

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM with members Tim Green, Wayne Hurtubise (8:07) and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were Laura Ovitt, John Nutting and Listers Kim Collins, Eric Collins and Susan Fletcher.

Susan Fletcher reported there are 10 current use properties pending. One property, BG0010, has been fixed resulting in a \$2500 reduction to the grand list. Susan asked the board to approve the change. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Linda Collins, to accept the Errors and Omissions as presented. The motion carried.

Kim Collins reported on her work mapping the Richford Center Cemetery. She noted the bylaws should be recorded.

Kim, Eric and Susan left the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the minutes of the June 2 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Tim Green, to approve the minutes of the June 5 and June 9 special meetings. The motion carried.

Road Foreman John Nutting discussed proposed paving projects and prioritized the work as follows:

Lucas Road – must do – FEMA project due to Tropical Storm Irene

Stevens Mills Slide – must do – FEMA project; do at the same time as Lucas Road.

Home Street, Church Street, Elm Avenue from the intersection to North Avenue,

Noyes Street from Dollar General to Village Garage.

More paving will be done if money allows. The board agreed on the priorities by consensus .

Attorney Mike Gawne has filed a temporary restraining order against Steve Jacobs because he drove his skidders on the South Richford Road. John reported Jim Cota has estimated the needed repairs at \$30,000 - \$35,000. The final cost will depend on mobilization costs. Tim Green will ask the town clerk about insurance coverage.

John recommended the board consider revisiting the bridge fund.

There will be an Applicant Briefing for damages incurred during the April flooding on June 18 at Johnson State College.

John reported the town is not in compliance with the required bridge and culvert inventory. He has applied for a grant to prepare the inventory.

John discussed the recently adopted ordinance for two handicapped parking places for the American Legion. John wants the Legion to install the signs on the building.

The designation of South Richford Road as a high risk highway is under review.

John recommended that a letter be sent to John Wetherby regarding the South Main Street car wash stating the street must be restored to its original condition. Laura will contact the zoning administrator. John reported the highway department will be digging on June 19 to repair water shut-offs. John reported the new pickup has been received. John left the meeting at 7:45 PM.

The board agreed to hold a special meeting on July 1 at 5:00 PM to set the 2014 tax rates.

Tim Green reported on amendments to the open meeting law.

Linda Collins read a letter from Mark Lafayette regarding water lines in the trailer park that have been disconnected and capped. The board determined a letter needs to be sent to Mark Lafayette telling him to return the wrench for water shut-offs to the water department.

Appointments to the development review board will be made at the next regular meeting. Laura will ask current members if they wish to be reappointed. There will be one vacancy; Laura was directed to advertise for letters of interest.

Tim Green reported there are no trash cans at Davis Park. Laura will contact Chris Martel. The new gate has been installed at the playground. The lock was not included. The constable needs a key to the town padlocks. Laura will contact the constable to tell him to see Norris Tillotson.

Linda Collins reported on the Richford Center Cemetery Association meeting. Changes were made to the slate of officers. The bylaws need to be updated – the ban on plastic flowers was revoked. The bylaws need to be recorded.

Linda and Tim reported on a meeting they attended with Energtek – a company that will deliver compressed natural gas. They were given a questionnaire that needs to be completed and returned. Tim reported on a minor incident at the post office – a repair person damaged the air conditioner. The unit has been repaired and is working. Tim will ask for bids for concrete repairs at the post office and for the lower steps at the town hall. Tim said he needs to meet with the bidder regarding the vault project. He may contact another contractor. He plans to complete the project in the next couple of weeks.

Norris Tillotson reported the gate and fence at the water plant has been repaired. The reservoir has been drained and about 4 inches of sand removed from the bottom. The department

now brings water into the reservoir and then to the treatment plant.

Hartigen is in town doing required maintenance.

The sludge sled and frack tank are in place at the sewer treatment plant. Drummac will take the sludge to Troy. There is no final cost figure yet.

The men are working on repairing valves.

Preparations are being made to bore under the railroad tracks at Quaker Street to replace the ½ inch water line with a 2 inch line. They will also replace 3 shutoffs.

Parts for the Blue Seal meters have been ordered.

Hydrants will be flushed during the week of June 23.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Laura Ovitt

Administrative Assistant