

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

June 2, 2014

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM with members Tim Green, Chris Martel and Norris Tillotson. Also present were Laura Ovitt, Alan Fletcher, Sheila Record, Mark Lafayette, Angie Dael, Ronnie Sheltra, Becky Sheltra, Matt Irons (7:35) and Garrett Chapman (7:53).

Mark Lafayette was present to discuss issues that have arisen with the trailer parks. Alan Fletcher said paperwork is not being submitted to the town clerk when trailers are sold, so the town does not know who owns the properties. Mr. Lafayette will provide copies of the Vermont Property Transfer Tax returns. He will tell potential buyers to contact the town to learn if there are delinquent bills. Water/sewer delinquencies were discussed. Mr. Lafayette and Ms. Dael left the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Matt Irons reported he is being approached by the former caretaker of the Richford Center Cemetery. Chris Martel asked Matt to attend the annual cemetery association meeting being held Thurs., June 12. Mr. Irons left the meeting.

Ronnie Sheltra said he received a letter from the town saying the town is not responsible for paying for the pool pump and the removal of the fuel tank that had water damage due to a water line break. Norris Tillotson said the board feels they are not responsible for all bills. Alan Fletcher reported the town's insurance denied the claim that was submitted because they found the town was not negligent. Becky Sheltra said she contacted the town's insurance saying she feels the town was negligent. She said the insurance sent an adjuster 2-3 weeks ago. Linda Collins said the town has not heard from the insurance adjuster and asked for the contact information that Becky has. Ronnie Sheltra said he wants no responsibility for the drainage ditch on his property. The board determined they will conduct a site visit at 6:30 PM on Thursday, June 5. No bills will be paid until the board contacts the insurance. The Sheltras left the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Constable Garrett Chapman reported an issue at the water plant because the workers are not closing the gate. He has chased kids off the property three times in the past ten days. The board agreed that the gate will be locked, and that Garrett will be given a key. Mr. Chapman left the meeting.

Linda Collins signed the letter of agreement for the CAMA cost tables services that the listers use. The fee for the license is \$238.81 for the year.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Chris Martel, to approve the minutes of the May 19 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the minutes of the May 29 special meeting. The motion carried.

Alan Fletcher stated he is angry that the insurance contacted Sheltra's but did not contact the town. Linda will call the insurance tomorrow.

Alan discussed an option he has received from VLCT for short-term disability that has better benefits for the employees. Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Tim Green, to change the short-term disability coverage to that offered through VLCT> The motion carried.

Alan reported a VLCT representative will review the town's current insurance coverage on June 25 at 10:00 AM.

Alan Fletcher and Sheila Record left the meeting at 8:17.

Laura reported All Saints Catholic Church has requested permission for the Corpus Christi Procession on June 25. The procession will start at 12:30 and last about one hour. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Linda Collins, to give permission for the procession. The motion carried.

Laura reported Lamoureux & Dickinson will need to amend their contract with the town for extending the rail trail. The amendment will require more money. Ande Deforge has said the grant will also be amended to cover the additional cost. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Chris Martel, to request the amendments. The board agreed to vote later.

Linda Collins reported she has received notice that a homeless person has been living in a camper on Troy Street.

Laura reported notice has been received that the town has until 2015 to add any ancient roads to the highway map. Laura will get more information for the next meeting.

The board discussed the damage on South Richford Road caused by Steve Jacobs driving his skidder on the pavement. The board reviewed the email received from Attorney Mike Gawne. Laura will notify Mr. Gawne to proceed with the temporary restraining order. Chris Martel will contact the state police.

The board determined to prioritize the streets for paving at the next meeting. John Nutting will be asked to attend.

Chris Martel reported he has had Jay Stryker doing community service hours cleaning the parks. Jay will be sent a thank-you.

Chris reported on the quote received from Round Hill Fence Co. for a replacement gate at the playground. The board agreed to proceed with the gates for the playground and water plant.

Chris reported the annual Richford Center Cemetery Association will be held Thursday, June 12 at 6:30 PM at the town hall.

Tim Green reported on some issues he has learned of at the fire station that were not included in the budget. Tim will arrange for an air conditioner for the fire office.

Norris Tillotson discussed using ceramic brick vs. concrete block for the vault expansion.

Chris Martel reported the animal control officer has submitted an activity report for May.

Tim Green reported that, as of July 1, 2015, the town will be responsible for establishing a variable rate collection for trash for the entire town. Details can be found at 24 VSA 2202a.

Norris Tillotson reported the letter notifying residents that the water department needs access to their property to make repairs.

Two of the filters at the water plant now have new sand. The other two filters should be good for two more years.

David Record cleaned the dam today and worked on the road. He opened the by-pass and closed the by-pass when he finished. There is now good, clean water coming into the plant.

The board reviewed the three bids for the work at the dam to repair damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene.

Sludge removal at the sewer plant is set up to begin next week.

The board discussed the meeting with SOS.

The board reviewed the Grand Isle water ordinance.

Laura was directed to warn a special meeting on June 5 at 6:30 PM at the Sheltra residence.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant