

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

June 20, 2016

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, Wendy Dezotelle, Jeff Dezotelle, Eric Collins, Joey Randall, Michael Hranek, Lt. Morris Lamothe of VSP, Tracy Ovitt, Connie Burns, Darlene Gregoire and Josh Aldrich.

Wendy and Jeff Dezotelle discussed an issue they have been having with a neighbor's dog, saying animal control and law enforcement have responded. The dog is now damaging their property. The board determined the Dezotelles' should write a letter to the board. Tracy will visit again and will report back to the board. Wendy, Jeff and Tracy left the meeting.

Henry Haggerty reported on the annual meeting of the Richford Center Cemetery Association meeting. He said they proposed changes to a section of Article 16 of the bylaws regarding requiring a vault for full body burials and requiring a concrete cap above the urn for cremation burials. They will check with the secretary of state regarding the proposal. He said the association voted to finishing cleaning the rest of the stones. Henry left the meeting.

Lt. Lamothe introduced himself as the new troop commander for the St. Albans VSP barracks, and talked about law enforcement. Lt. Lamothe left the meeting.

Michael Hranek discussed the status of the rail trail extension. Tim Green responded that construction is anticipated to be completed next year.

Michael discussed about improving positive public relations.

Michael left the meeting.

Connie Burns and Darlene Gregoire discussed REAC operations following Laura's retirement, saying the board is looking for meeting space and record storage. They will arrange a meeting with selectboard members and REAC officers.

Connie discussed the donation of bricks for the 111-113 Main Street project.

John Libbey said he is still waiting for signage to be changed at the Main Street Park stating open hours from 10 AM – 6 PM.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to approve the minutes of the June 6 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Wayne Hurtubise reported the highway department has been awarded three Better Back Roads grants:

\$40,000 for North Branch Road

\$40,000 for culvert replacement on Corliss Road

\$15,000 for ditching on Berry Road

The used grader approved at a previous meeting has been received.

The highway department is still working on sidewalks.

The highway department is refurbishing a truck.

Tim Green requested borrowing traffic cones for River Fest on June 25.

The quilt square has been set on the Hurtubise barn.

Chris Martel reported summer camp begins next Monday.

Camp Hope will also begin next Monday following summer camp at 1 PM.

Chris is getting an estimate for monument restoration at Hillside Cemetery.

Stones need repair at the Troy Street Cemetery.

Chris has information regarding grant funds available through the Vermont Old Cemetery Association.

Bruce Fuller will be away for a time this summer. Chris has talked with Matt Irons about mowing the playground.

Tim reported River Fest will be held Saturday, June 25 in Davis Park. Thank yous will be sent to the Northern Forest Canoe Trail and the Conservation Commission.

Tim reported there is a bad section on the southeast corner at the top of the post office. Greg Hall has looked at the damage, which will be repaired.

Chris Martel reported part time sheriff coverage during the day has started.

Joey Randall left the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Norris Tillotson discussed the Liberty Street/Thomas Street project. The water line will be set 6 feet deep, except for one shallow section where it will be set 5 feet deep with insulation.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to appoint Kevin Blaney to a 3 year term on the DRB beginning July 1.

Laura will make necessary contacts to arrange for generator maintenance.

Tim Green confirmed Louise Irons will begin June 27 as an assistant town clerk.

The tax sale is scheduled to be held late July, with the possibility for another one later in the year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Laura Ovitt

Administrative Assistant

A true copy. Attest:

Town Clerk