

**SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

July 17, 2014

Chair Linda Collins called the special meeting to order at 1:00 PM with members Tim Green, Chris Martel and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were Laura Ovitt, Connie Burns, Karen Cangelosi, Alan Fletcher, Deb Hebert, Terry Leonard, John Libbey, Sue Martel, Ginger Morse, Jay Nichols, Beth O'Brien, and Chuck Pearce.

Linda stated the meeting was called in response to complaints regarding recent activities on Main Street. Linda reported she has contacted the State's Attorney's office, and Probation and Parole. Contrary to popular belief, parolees are not being "sent to Richford", but are coming because the rent is cheap and women are welcoming the men into their homes. There are currently 15 registered sex offenders living in the village; only six of those can be told where to live.

The group discussed issues that have arisen at the 119 Main Street apartment building.

Linda advised the group to call the sheriff and/or the border patrol when they see illegal activity. Note date, time, location, any descriptive information. The group determined to look into strengthening the municipal housing code.

The group agreed on the following actions as a result of the meeting:

- **CALL** Animal Control: Tracy Ovitt 848-3301 (home) 802-582-9215 (cell)
Sheriff – 848-2121 After 4 PM, the answering machine will refer to State Police. Stay on the line – you can be automatically transferred
Border Patrol – 848-3434
Constable: Garrett Chapman 802-393-7851
- Karen Cangelosi will post the following list of ordinances on Front Porch Forum:
 - Loitering
 - Municipal property curfew
 - Establishment of a pedestrian way
 - Aggressive panhandling
 - Bicycles and play vehicles
 - Drinking in public
 - Public Indecency
 - Noise control
 - Animal control
 - Exotic animals
 - Nuisance parking

Copies of the ordinance are available by contacting Laura Ovitt either in the office, by calling 848-7751 ext. 6, or by emailing lurao@richfordvt.org.

- Send a letter to landlords with the ordinances attached. Tell them to share the information with their tenants and that the ordinances are being enforced.
- Jay Nichols will send a message to parents , and maybe arrange for an assembly.
- Send a letter to the Richford legislative delegation.
- Maybe involve the press.
- Linda Collins and Chuck Pearce will meet to discuss the issues further.

Beth O'Brien thanked the board for holding the meeting.

Linda thanked the participants for attending.

All in attendance except the selectboard, Laura Ovitt and Terry Leonard left the meeting.

Terry Leonard reported on a potential health hazard at 135 Main Street. The board determined to send a health order to property owner Corey Hevrin.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant