

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

**August 18, 2014**

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM with members Tim Green and Chris Martel present. Members Wayne Hurtubise and Norris Tillotson joined the meeting at 7:07 PM. Also present were Laura Ovitt, Anne Loiselle, Bruce Wetherby, Chuck McAllister, Karen Cangelois, Joan Cheeseman, Gary Royea, Sheila Record and Alan Fletcher present.

Anne Loiselle reported an issue with her neighbor's dog. She has contacted the animal control officer, who has followed up on the complaint. Chris Martel provided Anne with a copy of the animal ordinance. Anne will submit a written complaint tomorrow. Anne left the meeting.

Gary Royea reported he will be starting physical therapy on August 20, and will continue on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00 PM for the next 12 weeks. He will be using vacation and personal time for these sessions.

Bruce Wetherby was present to discuss the trash contract and the universal recycling law that will take effect July 1, 2015. Bruce agreed to a one-year extension of his contract through Sept. 17, 2015. Bruce and Chuck left the meeting.

Alan Fletcher discussed the upcoming tax sale, and the two B&D properties that will be auctioned. He explained that, if the board intends to bid on the property he will need to have a check ready, and will run that through the bills this week. Motion made by Chris Martel, seconded by Norris Tillotson, that – if there are no other bidders – the board will purchase the property for \$11,687.89. If there is another bidder the check will be voided. The motion carried with Linda Collins voting no. Alan and Sheila left the meeting.

Karen Cangelosi was present at the board's request to discuss zoning compliance. Tim Green stated enforcement appears to be reactive rather than proactive. Karen stated she does not get enough hours or money to grid the town. She is working on enforcing landscaping and junk regulations. The board agreed Tim will be their liaison with Karen. Karen was directed to contact the attorney regarding Acropolis Properties and Citizens Bank. She will contact Barry Kade about his recently acquired property on East Richford Slide Road.

Chris Martel reported a tenant recently moved from a rental property, leaving their cats and dog inside. The board determined to send the landlord a bill for costs from the Humane Society.

Gary Royea, Karen Cangelosi, and Joan Cheeseman left the meeting.

Laura reported amendment #3 for the rail trail grant has been received from VTrans. The amendment increases the grant to \$352,698 Federal and \$38,802 State. The Town's share is now \$43,500, of which \$8666.84 has already been paid. Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to approve the amendment. The motion carried with Norris Tillotson and Wayne Hurtubise abstaining.

The board determined the next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, September 2.**

Wayne Hurtubise reported Lynn Kane has filed a complaint that the driveway being built by Frederick Snider does not meet the 20' setback from her property.

Wayne gave an update on the Jacobs Logging case regarding damage to the South Richford Road.

Wayne reported roadsides are being mowed.

Laura reported a bill has been received for replacing a tire damaged by a culvert on Troy Street. The bill will be sent to ECI.

Chris Martel reported summer camp is now finished.

The board discussed playground security.

Tim Green reported a state permit is required for the vault expansion project.

The board discussed repairing/replacing the library roof.

Tim reported Greg Hall is preparing an estimate for repairs to cement work at the town hall and library.

Chris Martel reported extra sheriff coverage is continuing.

Chris reported he has contacted the sheriff regarding issuing citations for ordinance violations. No response has been received yet.

The board determined that all violations – zoning, housing, and health – at 3 Hamilton Place will be sent to the attorney.

Norris Tillotson reported a property owner on Troy Street wants to set a trailer. Running a water line to the proposed location will be very expensive. The property owner needs to contact zoning.

The board discussed the issue of the water break on South Main Street. The insurance agent will be contacted for an update.

Norris reported Vtel has done test borings for the tower at the water plant.

The board discussed repairs at the water intake. Laura will follow-up with Jim Cota and Dirt Tech. This work completes damage repairs caused by Tropical Storm Irene.

The board discussed projects for the 2015 water/sewer budget.

Norris updated the board on the sludge removal at the sewer plant.

The next meeting with Simon Operation Services will be August 25 at 1 PM.

Norris reported the meter repair/replacement at Blue Seal is in progress.

The board directed Laura to contact Mike Gervais regarding surveying town property to tell him to start with the Willow Street pump station.

Chris Martel reported Garrett Chapman now has an additional contact number, which is 848-2050.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Laura Ovitt  
Administrative Assistant