

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

**August 4, 2014**

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, Steve Jacobs Jr., Pam Jacobs, Steve Jacobs Sr., Eric Collins, John Nutting, John Libbey, Deb Hebert and Duane Hebert.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Linda Collins, to enter executive session at 7:00 PM to discuss legal issues. The motion carried. Eric Collins, John Libbey, Deb and Duane Hebert left the meeting.

Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Tim Green, to leave executive session at 7:32 PM. The motion carried. The Jacobs family left the meeting. John Libbey, Eric Collins, Deb and Duane Hebert rejoined the meeting, as well as Linda Whitney and Joe Pollender.

John Libbey addressed issues with Main Street rental properties, saying there has been no improvement since the July 17 special meeting. There have been 30 – 40 people on the street at night; gunshots were fired last night. People have been inside the vacant property at 114 Main Street. The realtor was notified, who contacted law enforcement. There were two snakes out last night.

Chris Martel reported he has contacted the Chief of Game Wardens, who said they need names and addresses of the snake owners.

Linda Whitney stated there were fights on the street Sunday Night.

Deb Hebert stated people are dealing drugs and using firearms. Law enforcement is aware.

Je Pollender stated there are various serious issues. If the selectboard cannot handle this, someone else needs to.

Linda Collins shared a letter that was sent to all village landlords last week advising them of ordinances on the books and the board's intent to see that these are enforced.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Chris Martel, to approve the minutes of the July 21 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the minutes of the July 29 special meeting. The motion carried.

Laura reported the website has been updated with new software as approved at the July 21 meeting. The cost of the upgrade is \$500. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Chris Martell, to approve payment for the upgrade. The motion carried.

Laura reported a request for \$10,000 from the revolving loan fund has been received from Kristen Hughes, the Healthy Roots Coordinator. The money is requested as a cash match for a Rural Development Business Enterprise Grant to assist with building infrastructure in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties for the local food system. The board determined this project does not fit the guidelines of the RRLF, and declined the request.

Wayne Hurtubise presented a deed for 220.40 feet of Pinnacle Road from the Town to the Army Corps of Engineers. Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Linda Collins, to approve the execution of the deed. The motion carried.

Wayne presented a driveway permit application submitted by Dan Turcotte and Frederick Snider. A letter has been sent to both applicants stating they need to pay \$20 each for recording fees. Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the permits pending receipt of the fees. The motion carried.

Wayne reported the town has lost the privilege of the renting the Berkshire roadside mower. An arrangement has been worked out with Roger Gendron for use of his equipment.

John Nutting reported he has applied for a grant to update the culvert inventory.

Chris Martel reported the parks, playground and cemeteries have no issues.

Tim Green reported electrical and plumbing work is being done at the emergency services building.

Chris Martel reported a recent assault on a town employee. No charges were filed.

Tim Green recommended the board ask Bruce Wetherby to attend the next meeting to discuss the newly adopted Universal Recycling Law.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to extend Bruce Wetherby's contract for trash removal for one year, through September 2015. The extension will include a clause regarding the state requirements. The motion carried.

Wayne Hurtubise stated the October 10 due date for taxes falls on a Friday when the town hall usually closes at noon. The office must stay open until 5:00 PM on that date.

Norris Tillotson reported on the FEMA funded repair work at the water intake. Jim Cota inspected the project on Aug. 1 and has signed off. Dirt Tech is preparing the final paperwork.

Norris presented an amendment to the municipal water ordinance, which brings the regulations up-to-date. Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to approve the amendment. The motion carried. The amendment will take effect on October 6, 2014.

The board approved submitting the zoning violations at 3 Hamilton Place to the attorney.

Linda reported she and Chris visited the Willow Street property cited for a zoning violation. The violation has been resolved.

Karen Cangelosi, Zoning Administrator, will be asked to attend the August 18 meeting.

Norris Tillotson reported Mike Gervais will be contacted to survey town owned property at the town hall, library and school.

Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Tim Green, to enter executive session at 9:05 PM to discuss legal issues. The motion carried. All guests except Laura and John Nutting left.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Linda Collins to leave executive session at 9:35 PM. The motion carried.

As a result of executive session, motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Linda Collins, to send a letter to Jacobs Logging LLC regarding damage on the South Richford Road, after submitting the letter to the attorney for review. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Laura Ovitt  
Administrative Assistant