

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
RICHFORD, VERMONT**

September 2, 2014

Chair Linda Collins called the regular meeting to order with members Tim Green, Wayne Hurtubise, Chris Martel, and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were Laura Ovitt, John Libbey, Deb Hebert, Lynne Kane, Eric Kane, Jordan Kane and Joe Pollender.

Lynne Kane discussed a driveway being established next to her property and presented documentation to show the driveway does not comply with the town's road and bridge standards. She alleged the driveway interferes with the town's drainage for the road. Lynne, Eric and Jordan Kane left the meeting.

John Libbey presented another log of activity at the Main Street apartments, saying there has been some improvement but there is still a long way to go. John would like to see the park hours changed. Chris Martel distributed a report of arrests made by the sheriff since January. Laura will follow-up with the state's attorney to learn the disposition of the arrests.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to approve the minutes of the August 18 regular meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Norris Tillotson, seconded by Tim Green, to approve the minutes of the August 25 special meeting. The motion carried.

Motion made by Linda Collins, seconded by Tim Green, to approve the amendment to the Lamoureux & Dickinson contract for the rail trail extension. The motion carried.

Wayne Hurtubise presented a report on the High Risk Rural Roads project for the South Richford Road, which will improve signage. Wayne noted a speed study will be requested.

Wayne reported a meeting will be held on Sept. 11 at 2:00 PM at the Hurtubise Farm regarding the Berry Brook Bridge project.

Tim Green reported he contacted Gary Denton, Superintendent for the ECI paving project, regarding a traffic control person who has been harassing the senior learning students.

Chris Martel reported the constable is closing the playground nightly. Tim Green reported the resident at 59 Intervale Ave. might be able to assist.

Chris reported there has been considerable traffic at the Association side of Hillside Cemetery.

Tim Green discussed the mowing contract with Matt Irons. Fall clean-up is not included. The board determined to have Matt mulch the leaves.

Tim reported he has reached out to Larry Bessette for the vault expansion project.

Tim reported he is soliciting bids for the library roof. He is also gathering information regarding a boiler upgrade at the library.

Tim reported Greg Hall will submit an estimate for concrete work at the Town Hall, Library and Post Office.

Chris Martel reported the extra sheriff coverage will continue for the time being.

Tim Green reported a letter has been sent to Bruce Wetherby advising that the board extended his contract for trash removal for one year.

Norris Tillotson reported Stone Engineering has been testing storm water seepages into the sewer lines. The sewer line behind 101 Main Street was plugged with grease. Drummac pumped the line so now there is flow, but not good flow. Hartigan will address this problem when they are here for storm drain work.

Norris reported Glen Embury is preparing a bid for the sewer plant roof.

Norris reported another load of sludge has been removed from the lagoon. He feels there should be more solids being removed.

A new Chief Operator for the water and sewer systems – Darrell Fithian – started work with SOS today. The water/sewer budget meeting will be Sept 11 at 10:00 AM.

Laura will contact Jim Cota regarding his sign-off for work done at the water intake.

Linda Collins reported there has been no news regarding the Whitfield case.

Motion made by Tim Green, seconded by Wayne Hurtubise, to enter executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss the South Richford Road. The motion carried. John Libbey, Joe Pollender and Deb Hebert left.

Motion made by Wayne Hurtubise, seconded by Norris Tillotson, to leave executive session at 8:25 PM. The motion carried.

As a result of executive session, the board determined to leave the South Richford Road issue with the attorney.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Laura Ovitt
Administrative Assistant