

MINUTES

6:00P.M. MEETING OF THE RICHMOND SELECTBOARD

TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Selectmen present: David Thompson, Gary Poulin, O'Neil Laplante and Peter Warner

Others present: James Valley, Linda Doran, Larry Srock, Jeff Severance, Russ Hughes, Brian Hurley, Jessica Alexander, Executive Assistant, Laurisa Loon and Town Manager, Janet Smith.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2015

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of July 8, 2015, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATION, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Brian Hobart, State Representative: Legislative Sentiment to Lady Bobcats

Item tabled.

4.2 Resignation of Louis Levesque sealer of weights and measures.

Due to the repeal in the law local sealers no longer have the authority to act in that capacity.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to accept the resignation with regret, Selectman Laplante seconded, motion passed (4-0).

4.3 Boston Post Cane recipient

This year's Boston Post Cane recipient is Josephine Merrill.

4.4 Merrymeeting Trail Board of Supervisors appointments

The Town Manager stated we are asking for two appointments, one being a municipal officer and we are requesting the board place Selectman Laplante and Community and Business Director Victoria Boundy on the Merrymeeting Trail Board.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to appoint O'Neil Laplante and Victoria Boundy to the Merrymeeting Trail Board of Supervisors, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (3-0-1) O'Neil Laplante abstained.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

The board moved to take 7.1 out of order.

7.1 Out of Order Planning Board

7.1 Discussion with planning board on procedures and training.

The Selectmen and Planning Board had a discussion on procedures and training.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to move back to item 6.1, Selectman Laplante seconded, motion passed.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Review of ambulance service proposals.

The Manager stated that we received a bid from Gardiner Ambulance. We received a letter from Delta but they will not submit a proposal at this time they need to establish a new base location to provide the professional level of service.

The City of Gardiner proposal is \$18,587.71 for one year. Since receiving the proposal we have talked with Northeast Ambulance they are willing to continue serving Richmond until October 1. Gardiner will prorate from October for \$13,941.02. We also asked Gardiner to submit what their proposed contract would look like. Richmond would get a seat on the board, we would not be paying uncollectibles in the 15-16 year. With it requiring funds and no budget for ambulance service it would require a special town meeting. We could hold a special town meeting the second week in August before commitment. The school commitment is down \$66,000.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to accept the bid contingent upon town meeting, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

The board accepted the warrant article submitted by the town manager and scheduled town meeting for August 19 at 6:00p.m. with a selectmen meeting at 5p.m.

6.2 Sign special town meeting warrant (election) for November 3, 2015

Selectman Thompson made a motion to sign the election warrant, Selectman Laplante seconded, motion passed (4-0).

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Discussion of special town meeting request-previously discussed

7.2 Discussion on Weeks Road

Selectman Thompson stated there is a commercial building near the Richmond side on the Weeks Road they plan to build an outlet road and access the Weeks Road from Gardiner into Richmond. Allan Moeller suggested posting the road for 26,000 pounds where it is secondary road. The Manager stated that August 4th Gardiner Planning Board will be doing site walk and review. The speed limit is 35mph with no weight limit. For a posted road you would need to have a public hearing.

Selectman Laplante made the motion to hold a public hearing August 19 immediately following the special town meeting to discuss the proposed with limit, Selectman Thompson seconded, motion passed (4-0).

The board will be attending the Gardiner Planning Board meeting on August 4, 2015 at 4p.m.

7.4 June 2015 Financial Statements

Information only.

7.5 Certification of Local Roads Assistance Program Funding

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the funding from Local Roads, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-BUSINESS-None

9.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS

9.1 Request for \$46.41 to the UMBERHINE CEMETERY

Selectman Thompson made a motion to release the funds, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (3-0-1) Selectman Laplante abstained from vote.

10.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 Public-None

10.2 Town Manager

We received a thank you for donating the thrift store balance to the food pantry.

In trying to answer the question on the Merrymeeting Trail withdrawal process we contacted the Kennebec River Trail to see what their agreement states. If a town no longer wanted to pay during the agreement, the town would have to pay the entire amount pursuant to the agreement, the Town would need DOTs consent to withdraw if their funds were used in the construction of the trail.

Five companies were represented at the bid conference. Bids are due on August 27 with a special meeting on the August 29 to review the bids.

The RFP for roofing went out and is due back Monday and will be considered at the August 19 selectmen meeting.

10.3 Selectmen

Selectman Laplante stated the solar light at Lane Field is working well.

Selectman Laplante asked if once every month the board could receive a general summary on the activities going on in each department.

Selectman Poulin stated the library sign will be presented Thursday.

Selectman Warner asked if they were planning a one year open house.

Selectman Warner asked the board to think of anyone or an organization to receive the Spirit of America Award.

Selectman Warner would like to look at the cost of buying portables instead of renting.

Selectman Warner would also like the Manager to talk with the Harbormaster on the wake created from his lobster boat in the harbor.

11.0 WARRANT

11.0 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants

Selectman Laplante made a motion to approve the warrant, Selectman Thompson seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Selectman Laplante made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Thompson seconded, motion passed (4-0).