

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**6:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Ken Smith representing Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed District, Ian Alexander, Paul Adams, Harold Averell, Janet Sweem and Naomi York representing the Richmond Food Pantry, Town Manager, Marian Anderson, and Executive Assistant Laurisa Loon.

Selectmen Present: Rose Beckwith, Jennifer Greenleaf, Daniel Dunton, Clarence Cummins, and Tracy Tuttle (arrived at 6:20p.m.)

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2012**

Selectman Cummins made a motion to approve the board minutes of January 25, 2012, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (4-0).

**4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS**

**5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION**

**5.1 Firework Ordinance Public Hearing**

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to move into public hearing, Selectman Greenleaf seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Resident Paul Adams stated he believes the fees and penalties are steep. Selectman Dunton stated the fees are set high in case they have to go to court.

Ian Alexander stated that under enforcement the verbiage should state "may be enforced." The officer can look at the seriousness of the situation.

Resident Harold Averill questioned the survey results. Selectman Dunton responded.

Selectman Cummins questioned if there was any prohibition on fireworks in the village from the Fire Department. Ian Alexander responded that the fire department had no discussion on the issue.

Selectman Tuttle stated that Andrew Pierce said he was concerned with fireworks being used on municipal property.

Resident Paul Adams stated that consumer fireworks do not travel that far.

Selectman Dunton stated that they will revisit the ordinance and schedule another hearing.

Selectman Cummins made a motion to come out of public hearing, Selectman Tuttle seconded motion passed (5-0).

## **6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None**

## **7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Warrant Article for adoption of Building Codes**

Selectman discussion on the proposed warrant article for the adoption of the building codes.

The proposed warrant article is for Selectmen Review and to be placed under public hearing for the next agenda.

### **7.2 Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed**

Selectman discussion requested for funding request for the DASH unit that is used to remove milfoil from Pleasant Pond.

Ken Smith representing Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed wanted to explain to the board that milfoil is an invasive aquatic plant in Pleasant Pond. They are looking for funds to help run the DASH unit. The milfoil effects towns economics by reducing recreational activities and decreasing property value. Last year the group purchased a new outboard motor, reengineered the pump system, lengthened the foot valve and moved the tubing to water level.

Selectman Dunton questioned since 2001 do you know how much it has spread. Ken Smith responded that he will find out. DEP pays for Pleasant Pond inspections, because it is infested. The Dash unit can cover a heavily infested area 1 acre a day, if it is sparse 5 acres in a day.

Selectman Cummins questioned what did you do for money last year? Ken Smith responded that money was left over from purchasing the unit to go towards the operation. We were short last year, but it worked out because we did not operate the unit. We rented it to Belgrade and it worked well for them. We figure the cost about \$500.00 day for Captain, diver, fuel, repairs and the occasional spotter.

We are figuring \$32,000/operating for 64 days. We are asking four towns, Richmond, W. Gardiner, Gardiner and Litchfield for \$5,000 each and \$6,000 from DEP from a Cost Sharing Grant, if they could get more money from the grant then they could decrease the municipal request. They are also trying to rent the boat for \$3,000/week after Labor Day.

Selectman Tuttle suggested this information be provided at Town Meeting if this goes on the Warrant.

Selectman Cummins asked if West Gardiner is participating. Ken responded yes they are paying for the courtesy inspection and went door to door for funds.

## **8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Land Purchase Agreements**

Selectman action requested to review the Land Purchase Agreement requests.

The Town Manager stated that we have had some individuals approach the Town to enter into a Land Purchase Agreement to work on payment of their taxes, they have 18 months to pay back on back taxes while keeping up on their current taxes. Seven (7) are mobile home units in the trailer park, two are for Daniel and Linda Rideout, and one is for Dean Staples, we have met with them each individually to set up payment arrangements. Selectman Tuttle questioned what breaks the deal. The Manager responded any breach of contract.

There is also a "Quit Claim" Deed on Jonathan Hoffman of Frog Lane, for the board to sign.

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to approve the land purchase agreements, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (5-0).

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to accept the quit claim deed for Jonathan Hoffman, Selectman Greenleaf seconded, motion passed (5-0).

## **9.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

### **9.1 Public-**

Janet Sweem representing the Richmond food pantry would like a separate warrant article for the funding of the Richmond food pantry at Town Meeting instead of being included under "public service agencies." Currently in the budget is a \$2,500.00 request they would like to raise it to \$5,000. The Town Manager said the Town supports two food pantries and will get rules on increasing amounts at town meeting. Selectman Tuttle stated that under discussion at town meeting you can explain your need for more funding.

Resident Harold Averell questioned the status of the Hathorn Building. The Town Manager responded that the building is in foreclosure and we are working with bank to board up the windows.

### **9.2 Town Manager**

- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for the annual report and newsletter.
- Richmond Days theme is “A River Runs Through It.”
- There is a drop off container in the police station lobby for medication.
- In reference to town meeting participation would the board be interested in doing a postcard mailing, prior to town meeting. The boards consensus is that it is a good idea.
- There is a possibility we might not be able to use school for elections.

### **9.3 Selectmen**

Selectman Cummins, we talked about funding for the fourth year of the police officer grant, do we need a motion on where we want the money to go, and also the DASH unit, will that be a separate warrant article?

Selectman Tuttle stated that there are several pot holes on Alexander Reed Road and would like MDOT notified.

Also heard from someone that was attending jury duty that there was a “no show” from the RPD at court recently, is there information on that. The Manager responded, “There is.”

### **9.4 Boards and Committees-None**

## **10.0 WARRANTS**

### **10.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants.**

Selectman Cummins made a motion to sign the warrant, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (5-0).

## **11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION-1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A)-Personnel Matters**

Selectman Cummins made a motion to move into Executive Session, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed, (5-0).

No action taken.

Selectman Dunton made a motion to come out of Executive Session, Selectman Greenleaf seconded, motion passed, (5-0).

## **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.