

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Selectmen Present: Jennifer Greenleaf, Tracy Tuttle, Clarence Cummins, Dan Dunton and Rose Beckwith

Others present: Paul Adams, Naomi York, Pauline Beasley, Town Manager-Marian Anderson and Executive Assistant-Laurisa Loon.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2012.

Selectman Cummins made a motion to approve the minutes, Selectman Dunton seconded, motion passed (3-2). (Rose Beckwith and Jennifer Greenleaf abstained).

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

5.1 Firework Ordinance

Selectman discussion on the "Draft" Firework Ordinance.

Resident Paul Adams would like the warrant written with two options, first to repeal the 1949 Ordinance and accept new ordinance or second repeal the 1949 ordinance and take the wait and see approach.

The consensus of the board was to hold a second public hearing on the writing of the Firework Ordinance.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Umberhine Library Update

Update on the design/build bids for the Umberhine Library.

The Town Manager reviewed the proposal, several review spreadsheets, suggested a select 4 to interview.

The board scheduled a meeting for March 21st with four interviews to be held at 4p.m., 5p.m., 6:15p.m., and 7:15p.m., Selectman Tuttle stated she would like to have each firm give a 30 minute presentation.

The board scheduled a Selectmen meeting for March 28th at 6:00p.m.

The Town Manager stated that we need to have a borrowing article on the town meeting warrant we were concerned with having a special town meeting because you don't have such a broad range of groups. We are asking for permission to borrow \$300,000 to build the public library.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Policy for disbursement of town funds

Selectman discussion on a policy regarding, disbursement of town funds to individuals that have outstanding accounts with the Town.

Selectman discussion on a policy regarding, disbursement of town funds to individuals that owe the town money via loans and or taxes.

Selectman Beckwith would like direction from MMA legal counsel on such a policy.

7.2 Town Meeting Warrant Update

Selectman discussion on the Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

The board removed articles 34 and 16 dealing with town meeting date.

The board discussed the funding for the sixth office in the fourth year of the COPS Fast Grant and how to set aside funding by placing money saved in a reserve account with those monies dedicated only to that COPS fast grant.

Selectman Dunton stated he does not want to see public service agencies on the warrant. Selectman Beckwith and Selectman Tuttle agree.

7.3 Town Office Renovations

Selectman discussion on renovating the Town Office to allow for more space in the conference area to allow for enough room to hold town elections.

There is currently \$37,488.00 in the town "Reserve Property Fund," we are having issues holding elections at the school and we need more space to accommodate elections here at the office, the room is limited for space last week we had to many people at a selectmen meeting. Would the board be willing to put an article on the Town Meeting Warrant to enlarge the conference room, we would not be raising funds just using existing funds.

Selectman Beckwith and Cummins support having a reasonable size conference room. Selectman Cummins questioned if we can we do it for 35,000? The Town Manager has

spoken with contractors who feel we can do it for less. Selectman Cummins asked if we deplete this fund are we going to get in trouble down the road.

The consensus of the board was to place the question on the town meeting warrant.

7.4 Municipal Dog Warrant

Selectman action requested to sign the Municipal Warrant for prosecuting unlicensed dog owners-keepers.

Selectman Cummins made a motion to sign the dog warrant, Selectman Dunton seconded, motion passed (4-1). Selectman Tuttle abstained.

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Public

Resident Pauline Beasley questioned why the Town is no longer using the Able Network.

Resident Paul Adams is concerned with a policy on disbursing funds.

9.2 Town Manager

There is an RSU #2 meeting on March 19th at 6p.m.

9.3 Selectmen

Selectman Tuttle stated that the Alexander Reed Road is still in bad condition. Also are the roads posted trucks have been in/out near the Poland Farm.

9.4 Boards and Committees-None

10.0 WARRANTS

10.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants.

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

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Cummins made motion to adjourn, Selectman Dunton seconded, motion passed (5-0).