

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Clarence Cummins, Rose Beckwith, Tracy Tuttle, Dan Dunton, Marian Anderson, Laurisa Loon, Tim Adams, Matt Roberge, Naomi York, Darryl Sterling, Travis Pryor,

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2011

Selectman Dunton made a motion to approve the minutes, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed (4-0).

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Selectman action requested to accept the resignation of Darryl Sterling, Economic Development Director.

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

4.2 Selectman action requested to accept the resignation of Joseph Hinkley from the Public Works Department.

Selectman Dunton made a motion accept the resignation with regret, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (4-0).

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

5.1 2011 CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant Phase II-Public Hearing

Selectman action requested to discuss acceptance of a 2011 CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant Phase II, in the amount of \$500,000.00

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

Darryl Sterling and Travis Pryor gave an overview of the proposed project. The project will include pedestrian style lighting that will be located at the gateway entrance to town, at the proposed library, and the densely spaced compact commercial district of Main Street from Front to Pleasant Street. Also we will be replacing bad areas of sidewalk near businesses on Main Street.

There will be \$1.5 million dollars in private investment. Currently we are working with vendors on current cost estimates on lighting, with the average of \$5-600,000.00 estimates with plans in progress, we envision putting the project out to bid as a whole this summer, also we are looking at LED lighting.

Mid July we will have a review to go over the bid documents with construction after Labor Day.

No action needed.

Selectman Dunton made a motion to come out of public hearing, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed (4-0).

5.2 2011 CFMF Public Hearing-Darryl Sterling

Selectman action requested to approve the CFMF Grant Application to apply for funds for a new library and cultural center.

Selectman Cummins made a motion to move into public hearing for the CFMF Grant Application, Selectman Dunton seconded, motion approved (4-0).

The project is to construct a community cultural center and library at the former Umberhine Library location at 86 Main Street. Darryl Sterling stated that Richmond has needed an upgraded library for years. At the end of March 2011 the former library was torn down due to significant structural deterioration and mold damage. We are looking for an affordable, creative and flexible project. We have worked along with UMA architects on designing a new library, also working with the Historic Preservation Commission we hope to incorporate the students ideas in context to the site, and have an energy efficient, easy to construct, ADA compliant building. The project timeline when funded would be award notification in August, review of design and permitting August-November, out to bid in December, bids awarded in February or March, and construction commencing Spring of 2012, with a late fall completion and grant close out the end of 2012.

The Letter of intent was due June 3rd. The Town received authorization from DECD to proceed with the grant application. The project cost is estimated at \$ 700,000 of actual construction, with \$400,000 from the grant. We have looked at other leverages that are significant such as the CDBG DR lighting and sidewalk improvements which we could get credit for around \$250,000.00 along with a combination of in-kind services, TIF support as well as the library reserve fund.

Darryl Sterling stated that builders estimate around \$160/S.F. which is the low end price for cost. Some board members are concerned at the cost of the construction of the project.

Selectman Dunton made a motion to come out of public hearing, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to authorize the Town of Richmond to apply for a Communities for Maine's Future Bond Program Grant Funds in the amount of \$400,000 to the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development; and to accept and expend said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary to implement such programs, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to take 9.1 out of order, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed, (4-0).

9.1 Public

Matt Roberge and Timothy Adams stated that they had 15 Team sponsors, 22 banner sponsors, and 150 participants and they raised \$14,000 in revenue. Expenses also went up. The league hosted a tournament, which earned \$2,100 in revenue, there were 35 second season participants playing Saturday mornings, the kids will be in the Richmond Days parade, and also the league will be hosting a home run derby contest, along with a wooffle ball tournament.

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to accept the 2011 RYRA council members, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Tim Seigars stated they would like to run a "Danny Lamoreaux Softball Tournament" the weekend before Richmond Days at Lane Field, there would be 12 teams, \$160/team and would donate the money to the little league or girls softball team. The Town Manager stated there cannot be alcohol at Lane Field. The board advised him to talk with the Chief and fill out a Town Property Use Permit and come back at the June 29th meeting.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Richmond Days Update

Laurisa Loon and Marian Anderson gave an update on the activities during Richmond Days.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 The Senior Group-Barbara Barter

The Town Manager has spoken with Barbara Barter the representative for the Richmond Senior Group and she is going to put together a schedule of when they meet so they can use the Town Sponsored Senior Center on Front Street.

7.2 Transfer Station-Request from Citizens

Selectman discussion on citizen request to have the dump opened one weekend per year at no cost. (No charges for couches, chairs, etc..)

The boards consensus feels it would be a good idea but they would like time to review and consider setting reasonable amounts and/or limits on items that can be taken to the holding area, Selectman Tuttle suggested that the citizens pre register and provide an itemized list of what they will bring.

9.2 Selectmen

Selectman Cummins questioned how the elections turn out.

The Town Manager stated the board will wait until July 1st to address the withdrawal situation from the RSU #2. They will need to outline issues, and how they will be addressed.

Selectman Beckwith stated she is looking forward to road work on Route 24 and 197. Also would like the number to the State Garage for road complaints.

Selectman Tuttle questioned if we have received the budget numbers from the school, The Town Manager stated she is also waiting for revenue numbers from the legislature.

Selectman Tuttle also added the Town Manager evaluation papers should be done by July 13th

Selectmen Beckwith will write an article for the July Newsletter.

Selectman Dunton questioned if we are going discuss the RSU referendum at the July meeting. The consensus of the board was that they would.

Selectman Dunton would also like to review the Selectman Goals and Objectives for the upcoming year. The consensus of the board was to schedule a workshop outside of a regular selectmen meeting.

9.3 Town Manager

The Brown family offered to plant flowers at the Gateway Signs in Richmond, this is a letter for the boards signature to thank the family.

A reminder the Manager will be on vacation July 1st to July 10th

The Route 197 project is cancelled for this year.

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 Cummins seconded, motion passed (4-0).

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION 1 M.R.S.A. PERSONNEL 405 (6)(A)

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to move into Executive Session, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed (4-0).

No action taken.

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to come out of Executive Session and adjourn, Selectman Dunton seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Attested by: _____

Laurisa Loon