

MINUTES
5:00P.M. MEETING OF THE RICHMOND SELECTBOARD
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Present: David Thompson, Gary Poulin, O'Neil Laplante and Peter Warner.

Others present: Shawn Pierce, Paul Adams, Mark Taylor, Nicole Briand and Town Manager, Janet Smith and Executive Assistant, Laurisa Loon.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2015

The Town Manager asked the board to add the minutes from the special meeting from October 21, 2014.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from October 14, 2014, Selectman Laplante seconded, motion passed (3-0).

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2015, Selectman Laplante seconded, motion passed (4-0).

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Selectman action requested to approve the Merrymeeting Trail Interim Route

DOT has approved the signs and locations, the signs were purchased through a grant. State Roads need to go back to towns for approval if asking for local Public Works department to install those signs. Selectman Thompson asked if the signs are going near people's homes. Nicole Briand responded that the signs would not be in front of any homes.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the interim signage and that it does not interfere with any residential homes, Selectman Laplante seconded, motion passed (4-0).

6.2 Richmond Recreation Wrestling Program

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the program, Selectman Laplante seconded and called for discussion. Mark Taylor stated that he is the Junior High Wrestling Coach, the school would be used for practices. Resident Paul Adams asked if the kids get hurt is the town insurance liable, is this open door to sue the tax citizens. Mark responded that the parents fill out a waiver before the kids sign up its no different than baseball or soccer. The fee is \$35/child and includes a t-shirt and two tournaments. Head gear pre-k through fifth grade is optional. The Manager asked how

many weeks is the program? Mark replied December through March which consists of a couple practices a week. Selectman Poulin would like it mandatory that they all wear head gear. The motion was amended to add that they are required to wear head gear, motion passed (4-0).

6.3 Discussion on Pittston Waste Handling Agreement

Selectman Thompson stated that he and the Manager met with Jane Hubert and Ann Pistell of Pittston. They would like to go through the winter and look at all the numbers into October. They are offering \$8,500.00. Selectman Laplante stated he is opposed to the offer and would agree to a \$9,000 counter offer. Selectman Poulin stated there needs to be a clause if there is fluctuation in people using the facility the fee should be renegotiated. Selectman Warner added that we are trying to regionalize and save tax payers money. Selectman Thompson added that the income coming in is helping us. The money we take in is used to improve the facility. The Town Manager stated there will be meetings with Chelsea, Whitefield, Pittston and Gardiner discussing regionalization.

Selectman Laplante made a motion to counter offer \$9,000 with the same stipulations in the original contract, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

6.4 Discussion on Electrical Panels

The Town Manager stated that on July 9, 2014 Selectman Warner brought to light the blank plywood on the electrical panels on Main Street and asked if someone could paint them. Selectman Warner stated to offer the boards to the high school art class or senior class. Selectman Poulin suggested a map of Richmond on the board.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Selectman discussion on Fire Station-Gary Poulin and O'Neil Laplante

Selectman Poulin and Laplante gave a presentation on their inspection of the Fire Station.

The will bring back to the board a list of things that need to be repaired.

7.2 Approval of 15/16 TIF Budgets

The board reviewed the Downtown TIF and Pipeline TIF budgets. Selectman Warner would like to see in addition to the inventory on commercial properties an inventory on farm space.

Selectman Thompson would like to table the TIF Budget approval to have time to further review the line items.

7.3 Draft Capital Improvement Plan

The Town Manager stated she would like the board to review the draft capital improvement plan.

7.4 Discussion regarding workshop with Richmond Utilities District Trustees

The Town Manager stated she spoke with Trustees and they would like to meet with board in a workshop setting to brain storm on things the RUD and Town can work together on. Selectman Warner would like to have Victoria attend the meeting. The board set a meeting date for Tuesday November 10. Regular meeting at 5p.m. with a workshop at 7p.m.

7.5 Ratification of Fire Department Elections

The Town Manager stated she has drafted changes to the Fire Department Ordinance and would like the board as well as the Fire Department to review.

1st Assistant Chief John Bellino.

2nd Assistant Chief Mike Vashon.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to ratify the election of John Bellino as 1st Assistant Chief and Mike Vashon as 2nd Assistant Chief, Selectman Laplante seconded, motion passed (4-0).

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-BUSINESS

8.1 2015 Maine Valuation Return-Board signed.

9.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS

10.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 Public

Resident Paul Adams stated he is not in favor of the interim route. He was told the committee was going to come and talk to the land abutters on the northern section of the Richmond proposed trail. Selectman Warner stated that the committee was formed recently. Selectman Laplante added the committee was formed last week, nobody has spoken to anyone, if they have a trail the State would probably set the route along the railroad bed.

10.2 Town Manager

The Manager stated that Crooker has started paving in the order of Parks, Stable, Lincoln, Spruce, Knickerbocker then Weeks.

She is currently working on entering the road data into the software system.

10.3 Selectmen

Selectman Poulin stated that the residents on the Parks Road are all pleased with road being paved.

In addition to it being paved there seems to now be a speed problem on that road and would like someone to talk to the school department the bus goes very fast.

Selectman Thompson stated he would like to see another workshop on TIF's. Selectman Warner added he would like to see Scott Benson do his portion with more specifics to our TIFs. Along with information on Credit Enhancements and Revolving Loan Funds.

10.4 Boards, Departments and Committees: Food Pantry, Northeast Ambulance

11.0 WARRANT

11.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants.

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

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Laplante made a motion to adjourn at 7:15p.m., Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).