

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND SELECTBOARD
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00P.M. SELECTMEN MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Selectmen present: Gary Poulin, David Thompson, Peter Warner, Clarence Cummins. Rose Beckwith absent.

Others present: Town Manager, Janet Smith; Executive Assistant, Laurisa Loon and Fire Chief, Matt Roberge.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2015

Selectman Cummins made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2015, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 2014 Annual Report dedication discussion

Selectman Cummins stated that the public works department would be appropriate after all their hard work this winter. Selectman Warner added that he would like to see it dedicated to all town employees they stepped up during the period of not having a town manager. The Manager asked if the Chairman will be writing the dedication.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Pittston Waste Handling Agreement discussion

Selectman Thompson stated that Pittston made the proposal at their town meeting. They have set aside \$5,000 to run through October 31. We will meet in September for a review. Only the Town of Richmond will be selling the stickers. Selectman Cummins is concerned that we are transitioning into a busier time of year. Selectman Warner stated that we don't want to do it to just break even, they will also be paying for stickers and bulky waste in addition to the \$5,000. Selectman Cummins made a motion to accept Pittston's offer of \$5,000 through October 31, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

7.2 MMA Executive Committee nomination

The board was notified of the MMA Executive Committee nominations no action was taken.

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-BUSINESS

8.1 Abatement Request: R03-052-11, Diane Bibber \$231.60

The assessor recommends the abatement. The base acre was adjusted from \$60,000 to \$48,000 to be in line with the town adjusted values. Selectman Cummins made a motion to approve the abatement Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

9.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS

10.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 Public

10.2 Town Manager

The Manager stated she would be out of the office on Thursday and attending a Government Finance Conference.

The Manager stated in response to the question on who is responsible for debris from the Hathorn building in the road. This building is located on the corner of two State roads. The building owner is responsible for any debris that falls into the right of way. This is the same rule for snow and ice that falls onto parked cars. The State is responsible for keeping state roads passable. If the Town becomes aware of any debris the town would not hesitate by blocking the road or removing the debris if feasible, James Valley is working on who he should contact at MDOT.

A Public Hearing was held Monday night in regards to the amendments to the land use ordinance and flood plain ordinance. No one was present at the meeting it was available online.

In follow up on our discussion regarding the loan board members and credit checks. The loan board members are not in a position to commit fraud or theft, therefore that is not a requirement for membership.

10.3 Selectmen

Selectman Thompson was concerned with the Bowdoinham firefighter responding to a recent fire call. Matt Roberge stated that all three towns are toned for mutual aid. If it's a minor incident we cancel the mutual aid call. The Chief in Bowdoinham has spoken with this fire fighter and is reaching out to our resident that had the concern.

Selectman Poulin would like the paving assessment to reflect how many residents are on the road. The Manager stated we would continue discussion during the budget portion of the meeting.

Selectman Thompson also suggested land on Flatlanders Way for a possible ice rink next year.

10.4 Boards and Committees-None

11.0 WARRANT

11.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants

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

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Cummins made a motion to move into recess, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

**SELECTBOARD BUDGET MEETING
6:00P.M. RICHMOND TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

Present: Peter Warner, Clarence Cummins, Gary Poulin and David Thompson. Town Manager, Janet Smith; Executive Assistant, Laurisa Loon; Fire Chief, Matt Roberge and Public Works Director, Allan Moeller.

Budget Committee present: Ryan Chandler, Fred Browne, O'Neil Laplante and Rex Dickinson.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to reconvene the meeting 6:00p.m., Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

A representative from the Red Cross gave a presentation to the board and requested \$500 this year.

A representative from the Cobbossee Watershed gave a presentation and requested \$5,000 to support the prevention efforts in battling invasive leaf milfoil on Pleasant Pond.

Public Works:

Discussion on heating oil prices and fuel.

Paving Discussion: \$201,287 paving estimate not including Parks and Stable Road. In order of priority: Knickerbocker, Weeks, Pitts Center, Spruce, Lincoln, Parks and Stable.

Parks to be paved in 2016/17 fiscal year.

Stable to be paved in 2016/17 fiscal year.

\$78/ton estimated paving cost.

Public works to do prepping, culverts and grading.

Selectman Poulin would like to have the priority be the number of residents on a road.

It was the **consensus** of board to go with Manager/Department request of **\$319,282.00**

Fire Department:

Matt Roberge stated there are 19 total members on the department. After discussion on the pagers the Budget Committee called for a vote.

Rex Dickinson made a motion to amend their previous recommendation to **\$79,410**, Ryan Chandler seconded, motion **passed** (4-0).

Discussion on Warrant Article 28 Reserve Account for repairs to Fire Station roofing on Myrtle Street. Selectman Thompson made a motion to recommend **Article 28 for approval** for repair of the fire station roof, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion **passed** (4-0).

Selectman Thompson made a motion to recommend the **\$79,410** for the operation of the Fire Department, Selectman Cummins seconded motion **passed** (4-0).

O'Neil Laplante made a motion to recommend **Article 28 Reserve Account** for repairs to the Fire Station, Rex Dickinson seconded, motion **passed** (4-0).

New Account Fire Department Equipment Reserve:

Selectman Cummins made a motion to create a **fire department equipment reserve** to ask for **\$1,500** for the replacement or repair of equipment with a maximum cap of \$10,000, Selectman Thompson seconded, motion **passed** (4-0).

Reserves:

Selectman Thompson made a motion to recommend **\$76,500** in the Reserve assuming that the fire department reserve gets approved, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion **passed** (4-0).

Capital Outlay:

Selectman Thompson made a motion to recommend **\$127,700**, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion **passed** (4-0).

Benefits:

Budget Committee member Ryan Chandler made a motion to recommend the Managers request of **\$250,175**, Rex Dickinson seconded, motion **passed** (3-1) O'Neil Laplante opposed.

Selectman Cummins made a motion to recommend the Managers request of **\$250,175**, Selectman Thompson seconded, motion **passed** (4-0).

General Assistance:

Selectman Thompson made a motion to recommend the Managers request at **\$15,500**, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion **passed** (4-0).

Public Service Agency:

Selectman Cummins made a motion to support Spectrum and Red Cross for a total of \$1,000 for public service agencies, Selectman Thompson seconded, Selectman Poulin added he would like to include \$500 for mental health services, Selectman Cummins amended his motion to total **\$1,500**, Selectman Thompson seconded, motion **passed** (4-1) Selectman Warner opposed.

Budget Committee member O'Neil Laplante made a motion to recommend **\$1,500** for the public service agencies, Ryan Chandler seconded, motion **passed** (4-0).

Selectman Cummins made a motion to recommend a separate warrant article to give **\$5,000** to the Cobbossee Watershed Committee for the milfoil project, Selectman Thompson seconded and suggested we recommend discussion, Selectman Warner would like to see the recommendation at \$5,000, motion **passed** (4-0).

Summer Recreation:

Budget Committee member Ryan Chandler made a motion to recommend **\$16,088**, Rex Dickinson seconded, motion **passed** (4-0).

Selectman Thompson made a motion to recommend **\$16,088**, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion **passed** (3-1), Selectman Cummins opposed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 9:45p.m.