

MINUTES
5:00P.M. MEETING OF THE RICHMOND SELECTBOARD
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Selectmen present: Peter Warner, O'Neil Laplante, David Thompson, Gary Poulin and Robert Bodge.

Others present: Gilbert Bond, Town Manager, Janet Smith; Executive Assistant, Laurisa Loon and Mark Taylor.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2016

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2016 and Selectman Laplante seconded, motion passed (5-0).

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

Mark Taylor gave an update on the Wrestling Program and how successful the program has been.

Selectman Poulin made a motion to take 7.3 out of order, Selectman Thompson seconded, motion passed (5-0).

Gilbert Bond stated he is applying for a BYOB permit for a Texas Holdem' Tournament at the American Legion the third Friday of every month they donate 25% to a local charity. Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the BYOB permit for Friday June 17, July 15 and August 19, pending each event goes without incident, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (5-0).

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion on Cable Franchise Agreement Renewal-Item tabled.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Town Meeting Review/Discussion

7.1.1 Senior Center Budget Increase Discussion

The board discussed the increase to the Senior Center budget at town meeting.

The Manager is looking for approval on the line item for \$3,600 to go into center hours. Selectman Laplante questioned why they didn't come forward with this earlier in the budget process.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the budget and have the Town Manager bring back the hours the center wants to be open, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-1).

7.2 May Financial Reports

We have received the reimbursement from the street light but we are waiting on the deductible.

7.3 Emerson Lane Tournament Request

Item discussed earlier. The board approved.

7.4 Richmond Recreation Tobacco Policy Discussion

Selectman Thompson stated he is in favor of some type of policy he has heard complaints. Selectman Bodge asked if there are signs posted and believes less government is better, would like this to go back to the recreation committee to seek voluntary compliance and come up with signs.

7.5 Richmond Recreation Registration Policy Discussion

Payment for registration is accepted through the town office, in the mail, town office drop box and special events booths. This policy discusses refunds if the program is cancelled by the committee they would get a refund, if they sign up and choose not to participate before t-shirts are purchased they would receive a 50% refund. If uniforms have been ordered then they would not get a refund. The board would like to add a third bullet for "dire" circumstances.

7.6 Request to apply for Bessie D. Brooks Trust Grant

The Senior Center is looking at applying for a \$5,000 grant to allow seniors to utilize the Wiscasset Recreation Center at a discount price. Looking at 15-25 seniors.

Selectman Laplante made a motion to allow the center to apply for the grant, Selectman Thompson seconded, motion passed (5-0).

7.7 Request to approve the Daniel Lamoreau Tournament during Richmond Days and request to waive application fee.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the tournament and waive the fee, Selectman Laplante seconded, motion passed (5-0).

7.8 Selectman action requested to act on continued commitment on the Merry Meeting Trail Project.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the letter on the Merry Meeting Trail Project, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (5-0).

7.9 Approve William H. Brewer, CPA services for fiscal year 15/16 audit.

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the William H. Brewer audit services letter, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (5-0).

7.10 Approval of Public Art Policy

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the Public Art Policy, Selectman Laplante seconded, motion passed (5-0).

7.11 Approval of Release Deed to the Richmond Utilities District

Selectman Thompson made a motion to approve the Release Deed to the Richmond Utilities District, Selectman Laplante seconded, motion passed (5-0).

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-BUSINESS

9.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES BUSINESS

9.1 Financials

May Financial Report

Selectman Warner stated that the board would like to see some consolidation on some of the old trust funds. Some are low in funds and can only be used for a very specific purpose. He would like the future board to look into this issue.

10.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 Public-None

10.2 Town Manager

The Manager provided a memorandum on the finance conference she attended. Also provided are the biographies for the nominees for the MMA Executive Committee.

10.3 Selectmen

Selectman Bodge asked if there is a list of Board and Committee openings he could share.

Selectman Laplante would like to get more committees to meet here so their meetings would be part of Town Hall Streams.

Selectman Laplante stated that at the Lane Field playground one of the playground pieces is missing.

Selectman Laplante stated there is a group upset with how the RSU #2 budget is going.

Selectman Thompson stated that on the Brown Road toward the Alexander Reed Road there are trees that need to be trimmed and also where the Marston and Beedle Road meet. As well as the Alexander Reed Road and Grindstone Crank area.

Selectman Warner stated that he would like the future board to look into the trust funds, hopes to see the board get on with the evolution of our recreation programs, and

have the police department look into more speed enforcement at Clay Hill, Front Street and Main Street. Thank you for putting the bike rodeo information on the website. On Sled Street there is serious erosion he would like to have public works look at as well as erosion on the Alexander Reed Road and Toothaker Road. Also he would like to have the road projects and what has been done to the roads posted in the newsletter and website.

10.4 Boards and Committee-An update on the food pantry and a memo regarding the ownership of the Tempest is included in the material for selectman review. The memo states that the Tempest belongs to the Town.

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 (5-0).

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Poulin made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Thompson seconded, motion passed (5-0).