

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Public Present: Michael Jones representing David Harris, Code Enforcement Officer-Ryan Chandler, Town Manager-Marian Anderson, Executive Assistant Laurisa Loon, Paul Adams and Shawn Pierce.

Selectmen Present: Gary Poulin, Clarence Cummins, Rose Beckwith and Tracy Tuttle.

Selectman Cummins called the public hearing to order at 5:04p.m.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2012.

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2012, Selectman Poulin seconded motion passed (3-0). Tracy Tuttle abstained from voting, was not present at the September 19, 2012 meeting.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to appoint Tracy Tuttle to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (3-0). Selectman Tuttle abstained from voting.

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

The Town Manager stated that any questions should be directed to Michael Jones representing Mr. Harris and the CEO, Ryan Chandler.

Selectman Cummins questioned where on the property was the water sample taken. Michael Jones replied that it was taken from a swampy location, where the board requested it be taken. I understand the swamp has been dried up.

Selectman Beckwith asked Ryan Chandler if he has looked the site over. Ryan Chandler replied that Mr. Harris gave him a tour of the operation and junkyard. On the left hand side there is a building that is enclosed with an overhead garage door an old building essentially the storage building for fluids, mercury switches and other parts. Selectman Cummins questioned if there is a cement lip all around the building. Ryan Chandler responded that is correct.

Selectman Cummins questioned what type of work is done on the site.

Michael Jones wanted to add in regards to the lip around the building there are also barrels that catch fluids and around those barrels are a second set of barrels. A car will come in, fluids are drained the alternator and starters are taken off and put in various bins and barrels. Mercury switches are sent into the State.

Selectman Tuttle asked if Ryan Chandler had any concerns. Ryan responded, not from the area we walked. He has a decent system for draining fluids, a three tier system for draining. Nice machines for removing gas and antifreeze there is more control. He thought it was very clean.

Selectman Cummins added that the last public hearing was November 2009. We do have the updated site plan that shows distances, we have the required soil samples test, Ryan provided a soil survey/guide to mapping units and soils map, we have the aquifer map provided by DEP, the site map shows wells more than 500 feet away. Selectman Cummins questioned how does the drainage look. Ryan responded that the property actually is very dry and seemed to be draining very well. The map shows the drainage slopes away and drains toward the highway and Route #201. The site map shows residential structures more than 500 feet away. His storm water permit is dated April 26, 2011 and is good until 2016.

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to close the public hearing, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to approve the application for David Harris for an automobile recycling and junkyard operation, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion approved (4-0).

David Harris will need to sign the papers.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Business Designation Update-Clarence Cummins

Selectman discussion on the application for a Business Friendly Community designation.

The Town Manager stated we are looking for direction do you want us to reapply for the Business Friendly designation. Selectman Tuttle stated it seems like it's a joke and not a worthwhile endeavor. The Town Manager added that you do get points towards grants. Everything they said was missing was clearly in the application. Selectman Cummins stated he thinks we have shown existing collaboration, are we a member of a chamber, we had letters of support. If we reapply take each point they addressed and discuss in our application, are there reasons we didn't get a letter from Shucks or Hodgdon Yachts. Do we need to do some tightening up on the Planning Board? The Town Manager stated the Credit Union got approved in two meetings; the brewery was opened after two meetings with the codes officer. Selectman Beckwith stated she would like to see the town reapply, we know what to key on in the application. Selectman Cummins

asked if we have talked with them. The Manager responded several times. Selectman Poulin feels it is essential. Selectman Tuttle stated that she thinks the Town has a long way to go but we are not going to get there with negative publicity. Selectman Cummins feels we should re submit.

6.2 Security Lighting at Lane Field-Marian Anderson

Selectman continued discussion on providing security lighting at Lane Field.

The Town Manager stated that the board saw the proposal in the packet that was provided; it was \$10,000 for lighting at Lane Field. What are your thoughts? Selectman Beckwith feels that it is a lot of money. The Town Manager stated we wouldn't raise the money we could take it from the TIF. There is no electricity at the site so there is a lot of work. Selectman Cummins asked what was the rationale for the lighting. The Town Manager stated that resident, O'Neil Laplante brought up the issue that kids are hanging out at Lane Field and there has been vandalism and he believes lighting would help. Selectman Cummins asked what else would that money go for if we didn't use it on lighting. The Manager responded that we have not done the downtown budget; the money is used throughout the downtown, Lane field and the waterfront park to maintain what we have built. Selectman Tuttle stated it's getting late in the year, getting cold and will not be used during the winter maybe we should not move on this item at this time. The Manager stated we could have the Chief record the number of incidents to see if there is a need. Selectman Tuttle stated we could see if the grange would place motion sensor lights and we pay the bill. Selectman Cummins also stated we could look at solar powered lights to place around.

The board took no action at this time.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Wiscasset Community Center-Todd Souza

Selectman discussion requested on behalf of Director, Todd Souza.

Todd Souza, Director of Parks and Recreation for the Wiscasset Community Center wanted to invite the Town to an open house dinner. Any community that attends will get a three month membership for the town to give out or award to a resident.

The community program is based on population. If the town signs on based on rate, the members from that community will get the resident rate versus the non-resident rate.

They do give out a two week trial period.

The Town Manager asked how many Richmond residents currently use the center. Todd replied approximately 55 active memberships.

Selectman Tuttle asked if they run a summer program.

Todd replied, yes, there is approximately 8 weeks of summer camp a full day program, a field trip a week, swimming and swim lessons. The rate is \$600 for resident and \$800 for non-resident rate essentially cheaper than paying for daycare. They also have a senior program that is well received.

Todd stated that if there is interest, he is interested in sitting down and looking at creative ways to coordinate with the town.

7.2 Electricity Maine-John Patten

Selectman discussion requested.

John Patten was not present. Item passed.

7.3 Liquor License Renewal for the Railway Café.

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to renew the liquor license, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (4-0).

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Public

9.2 Town Manager

- There is an excise tax report in your packet
- Library reconciliation report
- Monthly budget reports

Selectman Cummins stated it looks like we have collected \$3,400 less in excise this year from last year.

9.3 Selectman

Selectman Tuttle stated she has received a phone call on taxes that went up \$300.00. The Manager responded that calls are down and that the Assessor will be here on the 22nd meeting with residents.

Selectman Beckwith stated she was pleased with officer catching the sex offender near the school.

Selectman Cummins asked if we are keeping track of firework complaints. The Manager stated that the Police department keeps track of all calls.

9.4 Boards and Committees-None

10.0 WARRANTS

10.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants.

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

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to adjourn 6:23p.m., Selectman Tuttle seconded, motion passed (4-0).