

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010

1.0 CALL TO ORDER-6:00P.M.

Selectmen Present: Michelle Snowden, Clarence Cummins, Rose Beckwith, Dan Dunton

Others Present: Fred Brewer, Dave, Paul Adams, Don Houde, Steve Daniels, Eric Wilkins, Charlene Ouellette, Marian Anderson, Laurisa Loon, Shawn Pierce, Andrew Pierce, Mike Averill, Daniel

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2010

Selectman Dunton made a motion to approve the minutes, Selectman Cummins seconded with an amendment that 6.2 be amended to indicate that the entire \$9,000,000.00 budget is not solely for the Sheriff's Department, motion passed (3-0-1) Selectman Snowden abstained from the vote.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Ed Mackenzie Resignation from the Richmond Planning Board.

Selectman Snowden made a motion to accept Ed Mackenzie's resignation from the Richmond Planning Board with a letter of appreciation, Selectman Dunton seconded, motion passed (4-0).

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

5.1 Fred Brewer-Auditor

Selectman update on the Town of Richmond Audit.

Fred Brewer suggested that the town update their "Financial Policies." Selectman Cummins questioned if the towns reserve is adequate? Fred Brewer replied; that currently the surplus is adequate but he would recommend committing taxes earlier.

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Fire Department-Andrew Pierce

Selectman discussion and update on the purchase of a fire truck.

The current quote is approximately over \$4,000+ than what is reserved for the purchase of the truck.

Andy Pierce stated he is looking at the department's budget and exploring how to come up with the difference.

The Town Manager questioned if they could access the Firemen's Association money? Andy Pierce replied that the money is dedicated for firemen relief, the fund is set to help the fireman and/or their families if something was to happen.

Paul Adams added that the truck will support the needs for the fire department in the future. The current replacement is at the end of its life.

Selectman Cummins questioned if the \$90,000.00 is allocated from town meeting. Andy Pierced replied that technically \$93,000.00 was allocated for the purchase of the truck. Selectman Cummins added that he would like to set up a reserve fund for future purchases. Andy Pierce responded that in 2016 would be the next time we might need to replace a forty year old engine and that a reserve fund is good idea.

Don Houde added that the truck was originally at \$126,000.00 and the committee stripped the truck down to the bare minimum to meet the town needs. Selectman Beckwith questioned if you could in the future add those items to the truck. Andrew Pierce replied that they could.

Selectman Dunton added that he appreciates the support shown by the fire department and the work on preparing the proposal.

Selectman Cummins made a motion to put the fire truck out to bid, Selectman Snowden seconded, motion passed, (4-0).

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 CMP Smart Meter Reading Discussion with Eric Wilkins

Selectman discussion on the installation of "smart meters."

Steven Daniels stated that the smart meters look similar to the existing meters. They are digital meters connected through a wireless frequency to the main headquarters.

The meters broadcast a total of 5 minutes a day-communicating with neighboring meters, and every 15 minutes for businesses.

Meter change outs have started in Portland and Westbrook. 1,800+ meters are scheduled to start in December through February 2011. The entire process will take about 18 months. The meters are at no extra cost to the owner. An individual can refuse to have the meter installed. CMP would have to wait until they get an answer

from the PUC before installing those meters refused by individuals. More rural areas require more units or receivers.

The meters will drastically reduce the length of outages. Current meters are changed out every 10 years.

7.2 Recreation Coordinator-Daniel Dunton

Selectman discussion on implementing a recreation coordinator for the Town.

Selectman Dunton would like to look into the possibility of having a town Recreation Coordinator. The Town Manager stated she would like the board to be aware of the survey results taken earlier in the year, the results indicated that the residents were not interested. Also, there is money already raised for outside programs at town meeting such as the; senior program, summer league and summer rec. Selectman Dunton stated he would like the coordinator to address sports for the town children. Selectman Dunton also added that Bowdoinham has a recreation department and he would give them a call to see the progress of their program. Selectman Dunton would like to schedule a meeting on November 10th at 6:00p.m., at the high school to further discuss this position. Selectman Cummins stated he is concerned with the cost. Selectman Beckwith added that she would like to see a “pay to play” program. The cost should fall to the parents not on the taxpayers.

Selectman Dunton made a motion to open up to public session, Selectman Snowden seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Charlene Ouellette a resident of Marnav drive stated she is still having trouble with the road name and would like the board to consider allowing the name to be changed. Selectman Dunton stated that the board discussed the road name changes, if we change one name, we would have 35 more requests, which would cause a snowball effect. The board’s consensus is to not change the E-911 maps and ordinance.

7.3 David & Patricia Thompson Abatement

690 Alexander Reed Road/R05-025-06. Abatement requested is allowed in the amount of \$425.07. Abatement reflects adjusted property tax valuation.

7.4 Michael Grzkewitsch Abatement

195 River Road/R06-005-01-01. Abatement requested is allowed in the amount of \$950.60. Abatement reflected change to correct building size and value.

7.5 Jason Byrd/Sara Beazley

116 Lincoln Street/R01-069-07 Abatement requested is allowed in the amount of \$122.50. Abatement given to correct the building value.

7.6 Donovan Chapman

6 Arch Street/U03-010T-00. Abatement requested is allowed in the amount of \$124.95. Assessment to be reduced to correct computer entry error.

Selectman Snowden made a motion to accept the abatements as a group, Selectman Dunton seconded, motion passed (4-0).

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

8.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Public-None (Previously addressed)

8.2 Selectmen

Selectman Snowden stated she is pleased with the Micro Technologies building improvements.

Selectman Cummins stated that the 1100+ acres on the River Road is being cleaned up, all junk is being removed. The property will be turned over to Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. The area will be a wildlife management area. Some allowed uses will be trapping and hunting. Access by motor vehicle would be closed off. They are talking about allowing snowmobile clubs to access trails as well as ATV's under a club.

Selectman Dunton would like the PACE program placed on the November 17th agenda. The meeting with Dresden will be December 9th at 6:00p.m., also an RSU meeting will be held tomorrow night November 4th which is a follow up meeting.

Selectman Dunton would like the Boards and Committee section on the website updated.

Selectman Beckwith questioned the status of the Hathorn Building. The Town Manager replied it is in foreclosure.

8.3 Town Manager

- Spoke with Beth Anan recently and will be setting a date to review the library billing procedure and housekeeping, etc.
- Looking for an EMA Director. The position will be posted on the website and mailed out to current fire fighters.
- Docks are coming out November 4th and will be stored behind the Ames Mill.
- The Spirit of America Award will be presented 11-20-10. Selectman Dunton will be attending.
- The conversion of the Trio software is going well.

- The week of Thanksgiving the town office and public works will be working from 7:00a.m.-3:30p.m.

8.4 Boards & Committees-None

9.0 WARRANTS

9.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants.

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

10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION-1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A)-Personnel Matters

Selectman Snowden made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A)-Personnel Matters at 7:44p.m.

No action taken.

Selectman Cummins made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:15p.m., Selectman Dunton seconded, motion passed (4-0).

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Dunton made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Snowden seconded, motion passed (4-0).