

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: Ryan Shea, Paul Adams, Marian Anderson, Laurisa Loon, Jerry Roy, Stacy Roy, Mike Grizkewitsch.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2012.

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2012, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (3-0-1), Selectman Beckwith abstained from voting.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

4.1 RYRA Board Appointment

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to confirm the slate of officers to the RYRA board, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

4.2 Rick McKellar-Appointment to the planning board.

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to appoint Rick McKellar to the planning board, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (4-0).

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Ambulance contract discussion update

Northeast to propose alternative language, no meeting has taken place. This will be a future agenda item for follow-up.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Update on Hathorn Building-330 Front Street

The property has been listed for sale. No further updates at this time.

7.2 Holiday Schedule

The board would like to see what the agenda looks like after their December 12th meeting before they decide on meeting December 26th.

Selectman Tuttle will not be at the November 28th meeting.

7.3 Comprehensive Plan Update Kick-off meeting announcement

The comprehensive plan update kick-off meeting will be held Tuesday November 13th from 6-8p.m. at the town office.

An announcement poster has been placed around town and notice has gone on Facebook as well as the local papers.

Gerald Roy a resident asked if the board could explain the comprehensive plan. Selectman Cummins stated that it is a plan on what the town's future is going to be and how the residents want to see it grow and develop, the board offered Mr. Roy the announcement which gave further explanation.

7.4 Route #24 corridor Study

The Mid-Coast Council of Governments is facilitating the development of a Route #24 Multi-Modal Corridor Management Plan.

The Town Manager provided the board with a memorandum on the project and stated that this is a State project not a Town project, they are encouraging local participation. Mike Grizkewitsch asked if Selectman Cummins can vote on behalf of town where Mr. Cummins was representing Richmond at the meetings. Selectman Cummins responded no.

7.5 CEO-Dresden services update

Selectman update on the Code Enforcement services and hours in Dresden.

The manager provided the board with an outline of the Code Officers projects and time in Dresden.

7.6 General Obligation Bond Documents

Selectman action requested to sign the 2012 Bond documents for the purchase of the Public Works dump/plow truck.

The board signed and approved the bond documents for the purchase of the new public work dump/plow truck.

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Property Tax Abatements

Selectman action requested to grant the following tax abatements.

R01-069-08-Joe & Molly Gentz, assessed \$45,000 new assessment 39,600.

R03-052-07-Gerard & Charlene Ouellete, assessed 190,700 new assessment 165,400.

R03-027-00-Chad Clark & Laurisa Loon, assessed 51,000 new assessment 40,800.

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

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Public

Resident Paul Adams felt the ballot question was very misleading. In 2009, codes were state wide repealed. It also asked if you wanted to replace something where there was nothing to be replaced. It misled the voting public. Selectman Cummins asked how should we have worded the question, we relied upon the advice from our lawyer and used the same language from the April town meeting. Paul Adams asked how can you have asked the tax payers to repeal codes when there is nothing there to replace. You should have asked if the town wanted to adopt a building code ordinance.

Gerald Roy asked if it passed or failed. Selectman Cummins replied that it passed and the town now has a building code.

Mike Grizkewitsch stated he was surprised to see the building code ballot question and asked why just the building code, why not other issues that were not approved at town meeting like the library? Selectman Beckwith stated she was concerned with someone moving to Richmond buying a home that was not built to code. I felt we needed a building code for safety reasons. Selectman Cummins stated that we did discuss the issue in two newsletters that it was going to be revisited. Selectman Poulin stated that if we do not have a building code we are asking for trouble down the road and added that he is not sure why it was the only referendum question.

Gerald Roy stated the he don't believe a building code will keep a contractor honest. Selectman Poulin replied that at least there is a check point for a codes officer to check the progress. Selectman Cummins agreed that nothing is fool proof.

Mike Grizkewitsch asked if the board is going to enact the new State building code.

Selectman Cummins responded that yes we are moving forward with the States building code.

Selectman Tuttle stated that she personally thinks when something is voted on at town meeting it should stay that way. I did not vote for the building codes to be put on the ballot.

Mike Grizkewitsch is looking for the reason why the building codes article and not others.

Selectman Cummins stated that we feel it's a potential safety issue the town needed to deal with, as much as we want a library it's not a safety issue as is one more or one less police officer.

Gerald Roy asked if it could have waited until the next town meeting.

The Town Manager stated that we hoped it would truly represent pass or fail the feeling of the town of Richmond. More residents show up to vote than attend town meeting.

Stacy Roy feels it was misleading and should be revisited.

Stacy Roy stated she is trying to coordinate basketball for RYRA. She has some insurance questions and would like to see policy information. The Town Manager stated that she can come in and see it tomorrow apparently there is some miscommunication it's not a secret it is a public document. Stacy Roy stated she would come in a third time.

Selectman Tuttle asked what is the concern. Stacy Roy responded that she is signing the application on behalf of RYRA and would be responsible, so she wants to know what she is liable for. The Athletic Director says we have no gym time in March and we are looking for other gym options. How does it work for travel teams that participate in league baseball? If it's a town department, all activities are covered under the town insurance. President Bill Terry had a direct conversation with Virgil Hammond. Ryan Shea asked as an association can RYRA be the signature. The Town Manager stated to be clear you are a department of the town. Ryan Shea also wanted to address the issue of age of children participating and allowing Dresden kids to participate. The Town Manager responded that nothing in our insurance says that age is an issue it's a RYRA policy. The Richmond taxpayers pay for this insurance if RYRA is asking to cover Dresden kids, Dresden needs to take it to town meeting. We notified the Dresden selectmen and they know nothing about Dresden kids playing they have their kids playing at the Wiscasset Center. It might require an inter-local agreement.

Mike Grizkewitsch asked if the school has to go through a procedure to use Lane Field and Houdlette Field. Why does the school not have to go through a procedural process when they use our fields.

9.2 Town Manager

- The Public Works Department is looking at decals to go on the public works trucks.
- Met with Terrance Reimer of the Episcopal Diocese St. Matthies Church. Met with them on the use of the church they would like to donate. It would take a town meeting vote. We can never sell it or use it for profit. The church is heated by two monitor heaters. The other building has one monitor heater. We are asking Main Street fuel what the heating cost of the building are. The buildings are both in good condition and well maintained. Repairs might include replacement of two large front doors, mainly because they don't lock well. There are two ceiling fans and windows that open on the ceiling.

Mike Grizkewitsch asked if we can sell it. The Town Manager stated that we don't have all the answers, we just had an initial meeting they wanted to know if we were interested in exploring it. Gerald Roy stated that the building is going to bring cost, maintenance, etc...

The consensus of the board is to continue to explore the option.

9.3 Selectmen

Selectman Cummins stated that the police department has a new vehicle with new lettering and is wondering what policy we have for how are police cars look, for years we have had white with blue lettering, now we have black with gold lettering. The Town Manager stated that we purchased the vehicle that way. Selectman Cummins stated that we should have some procedures on decals and colors.

Gerald Roy stated that he was in Gardiner and a Richmond Officer pulled in with the town cruiser, and watched a game, he introduced himself to the officer and asked why he was there. The Officer stated that he has family playing soccer, he was working he said you don't pay me for my lunch break. Mr. Roy responded that the town of Richmond pays for the gas to get this cruiser up here.

Selectman Beckwith said thank you to Northeast Ambulance and the Halloween festival was awesome.

9.4 Boards and Committees-None

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to adjourn at 7:33p.m. Selectman Beckwith seconded motion passed (4-0).