

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00-P.M.-WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2010

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

Selectmen Present: Tracy Tuttle, Clarence Cummins, Michelle Snowden, Rose Beckwith and Daniel Dunton.

Others Present: Town Manager-Marian Anderson, Executive Assistant-Laurisa Loon, Dave Probart, John Rzasa, and Allan Moeller

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2010

Selectmen Cummins made a motion to approve the minutes, Selectman Dunton seconded, motion passed, (4-1) Selectman Snowden abstained from vote.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

5.1 PACE-Public Hearing

Selectmen action requested to approve the PACE ordinance.

Selectman Dunton made a motion to move into public hearing, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (5-0).

There being no further discussion, Selectman Snowden made a motion to come out of public hearing, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed (5-0).

Selectman Cummins made a motion to approve the PACE Ordinance, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (5-0).

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS-None

8.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Public-None

8.2 Selectmen

Selectman Cummins questioned the status of the Library financial books. The Town Manager replied that she has left several messages with Mr. Anan and has been unsuccessful reaching Beth Anan, also has met with Donna McClusky and asked her to communicate to Beth that we need the books, no bills will be paid until we have them.

Selectman Cummins questioned if Beth Anan needs to be present at the bank. The Town Manager replied that she does not the warrant and documents are sufficient.

Selectman Cummins also wanted to confirm that the board did raise the holding area fees earlier this year to become effective January 1st they stand at \$10/residents \$15/Dresden and \$30/Commercial haulers.

Selectman Snowden would like to see more enforcement of the crosswalks in front of the post office.

Selectman Tuttle questioned if the Grind stone crank (side road) was plowed, currently there is a dumpster and van parked there also how close can you have a dumpster to the road? The Town Manager replied that she would look into the situation and report back.

Selectman Beckwith stated that on 11/29/10 she went to the RSU Board of Directors meeting they are looking at \$750,000.00 in shortfalls they are reviewing contracts that are being negotiated.

Selectman Dunton stated the he is on the police roster but not officially, this will help him maintain certifications and keep up training, he will not have a uniform or be working any shifts, he will pay for his own training. There will be no cost to the police department.

He was also approached about the fire truck going out to bid. The Town Manager responded that it had been posted and taken care of.

Selectman Dunton would like to set up a workshop at a selectmen meeting to discuss figures on the recreation coordinator. This will be on the 29th agenda.

Also, what is the status of the Peacock Beach sign? The Town Manager stated that they only received two designs and would like to approach the art teacher at the school to see if it would be a project his students would be interested in doing.

Selectman Beckwith added that on June 14th the school starts working on the ventilation system and no kids will be allowed in the school until September 1st.

8.3 Town Manager-The Holiday hours for Christmas and New Year's weekend are on Saturday so the holding area will be open on the Sunday after the holiday.

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 (5-0).

9.2 RSU #2 Warrant and Notice of Election

Selectman Snowden made a motion to sign the warrant and notice of election, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed (5-0).

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Snowden made a motion to adjourn at 6:54p.m., Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (5-0).

11.0 WORKSHOP with Dresden Selectmen

Holding Area:

Dresden will be implementing no money January 1st. Money will go through the town office. This was recommended by MMA and the Insurance Company. There will be a \$2.00/Denomination token for bag trash with a limit up to 30lbs. The town has a 40 yard dumpster.

The cost for Richmond to haul bulky waste is over budget. Selectman Cummins questioned if there was a pole barn in place at the holding area would you see tonnage go down?

The Manager proposed increasing user fees for items such as couches, chairs, etc... and keep your current annual fees as voted on in July 2010.

Can you track piles from commercial haulers? The Town Manager stated that you would have to look at hiring another person to track piles the two current employees are busy tracking everything else.

Selectman Cummins would like to revisit the commercial hauler fee.

Code Enforcement:

At the present time Dresden has a contract with an individual, but would like to look at shared cost with Richmond, it would be convenient for Dresden residents to have an on call CEO.

The current Dresden CEO is appointed until March 2011. They stipend is \$200/week up to 10 hours. The Town allocated \$6,000/year for the CEO, some money gets carried over from year to year as well as fees, and it still does not cover the budget. His office hours are Thursday nights from 6-8p.m., if they need an inspection they will call him.

John stated he would look back over the year at the actual hours and cost and see if the position is being underpaid or overpaid.

The current Richmond Code Officer is scheduled for 40 hours a week.

Selectmen Cummins stated the towns could enter in agreement for 3 months or 15 months. The Town of Dresden is interested in putting something together in April.

If hiring a new codes officer, would Richmond do the hiring process or would both towns be involved?

You will want Dresden Office hours for the code enforcement officer.

All members are interested in pursuing the Code Enforcement Sharing.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Dresden stated they have a current contract with an individual in town. He has sold all his equipment to Steve McGee. He cannot fulfill the contract, he maybe subcontracting with McGee. We know nothing about the entity that has taken over for Glenn Jacobs. He accepted his first payment two weeks ago knowing he didn't have the equipment to fulfill the contract.

Dresden stated they would like to have Richmond take over plowing Dresden roads. We thought we could save money for Richmond as well as Dresden by working together. Dresden's current highway funds are more than Richmond's.

Selectman Cummins questioned how many trucks does Jacob put out? Dresden replied 2 small one tons and 2 large plow trucks. Richmond currently has four large plow trucks and one small truck. The Town Manager stated that you would be looking at additional man power, leasing a truck, hiring an operator or buying a truck. You know you are going to have a seasonal position from November to May. Dresden's budget for next year is approximately \$237,000. The Town Manager stated you will need an inter-local agreement outlining responsibilities.

The Town Manager added that you go to town meeting if you are raising dollars, you can enter into contracts without town meeting. I would suggest consider taking it to town meeting.

Selectman Cummins added he would like see what the cost savings would be and what additional equipment would need to be purchased and/or leased?

The Town of Richmond has 48 miles of roads and Dresden has 36 miles.

There is plenty of additional road work in Dresden.

The boards will review an inter-local agreement and cost sharing figures and schedule a future meeting.