

Clarence Cummins, Chairman
Tracy Tuttle-Vice Chairman
Rose Beckwith
Clarence Cummins
Gary Poulin

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2012

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

Others Present: Paul Adams, Town Manager-Marian Anderson, Executive Assistant-Laurisa Loon, Tim Seigars and O'Neil Laplante.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2012 AND JULY 10, 2012.

The board tabled the minutes until Tracy Tuttle arrives.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Appointment of Benjamin Gray to the Community Development Revolving Loan Committee

Selectman Beckwith made the motion to appoint Benjamin Gray to the Revolving Loan Committee, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (3-0).

4.2 Resignation of Michael Lane from the Planning Board.

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to accept Michael Lane's resignation with regret, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (3-0).

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Selectman action requested to sign the warrant for a Special Town Meeting.

The Town Manager went over several options with attachments. There is currently \$19,582 in the Reserve Project Line.

Option 1.-Using reserves and the sale of truck and Option 2.- Using the sale of the truck with no reserves. Looking at loan periods for five and/or seven years. A \$152,000 loan, crediting 18,000 from the sale of the truck

(See attached spreadsheets)

Selectman Cummins has mixed feelings in using the reserve money also where did this money come from. The Manager responded that over the years we have been paid for work done in Dresden and Bowdoinham for roadside mowing and using equipment.

Selectman Tuttle is in favor of finding more money to bring the cost down.

Selectman Cummins added that we don't know what we will get for a trade on the 2000. The \$18,000 is from the sale of the 1999?

Selectman Tuttle feels we should ask for no less than \$13,000 on trade.

Selectman Cummins is concerned with using the \$19,000 from the reserve, we have exceeded our budget on vehicle repair we didn't have to use the reserve this time because we found other ways of saving. The Manager responded that we did not refill the full time position that became vacant in the public works department. Selectman Cummins responded let's assume we have four full time employees so we don't have that money, suppose we run into maintenance issues, what would we use if we went over budget and the reserves were not available. The Manager stated if the line item is overrun we would have to go back to town meeting to ask for more money. The total budget did not over run, just a certain line item.

Selectman Beckwith is also concerned with spending all of the reserve money.

Selectman Tuttle suggested to take half of the \$19,000 and take some from the TIF to offset the cost.

The Manager added that the first payment is not due until 2013.

Selectman Tuttle stated that she feels the people that were at the public hearing do not want to put money into the truck.

Selectman Cummins suggested to proceed with the way we are going and go ahead with a contingency plan depending on when we receive the truck. Selectman Tuttle stated that we don't want to say they can do without a truck, we have three months, we can assess after that.

The consensus of the board is to use part of reserve funds and go for a five year loan.

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to go for a five year loan of up to no more than \$152,000. Using \$18,000 from the sale of the public works truck, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to ask the town to appropriate \$18,000 from the sale of public works truck, \$8,000 from the Reserve fund and \$21,000 from the pipeline TIF, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to approve the minutes of June 27, 2012, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (3-0).

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to approve the minutes from July 10, 2012, Selectman Poulin seconded motion passed (4-0).

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Lane Field Property Request

Selectman action requested to approve the use of Lane Field on August 24th, 25th and 26th for a men's softball tournament.

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to approve the use of Lane Field on August 24th, 25th and 26th, Selectman Tuttle seconded, motion passed (4-0).

7.2 Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed Update

The board received a thank you letter recognizing the funds that were allocated at town meeting to run the "DASH" unit on Pleasant Pond.

7.3 ISO Update

Selectman discussion on community reclassification.

The Town of Richmond class has been changed from a 6 to a 99. A plan to submit to regain the category we lost must be submitted by November 16th.

Resident Paul Adams stated that the buildings in the town are prior to the ISO in the 1990's, a town will only be affected if the municipality refuses to except ISO, or the town codes do not meet ISO classification. The ISO does not set insurance rates; they do set rates for some insurance companies. ISO does not recognize the codes we do have.

Selectman Poulin feels not having a building code in Richmond is bad for business. We need more development to bring taxes down.

Selectman Cummins stated that we need to clarify what the plan means and when it is satisfactory for them to receive this. Selectman Cummins questioned if we put this on the ballot for November do we have time to submit the plan to the ISO. Selectman Beckwith wants this information in the newsletter. Selectman Poulin added that having it on the ballot in November will give us a good idea of what the people of Richmond want.

Selectman Poulin made a motion to put the building codes on the November ballot, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (3-0-1) Selectman Tuttle abstained from the vote.

7.4 Transfer Station-Gary Poulin

Selectman Poulin would like to see the transfer station open a day during the week to help the contractors. The Town Manager talked with Allan Moeller Director of public works about modifying the weekend hours to accommodate being open a day during the week so there is no increase in the budget. The Manager will continue to explore the options and bring back possibilities at a later meeting.

7.5 Plan for Future Paving-Gary Poulin

Would like to make a plan for eventually paving the dirt roads in town. This will help further economic development in the town. The Town Manager suggested making it part of our capital infrastructure plan.

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

The board will be meeting with assessor next Wednesday at four.

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Public-Paul Adams representing the American Legion would like the Selectman to allow a BYOB dance on August 31st at the American Legion.

Paul Adams-stated that voted down paving the Langdon Road at Town Meeting.

O'Neil Laplante stated he would like to look into having lights at Lane Field in the future.

9.2 Town Manager

- Provided a contact list to the board.
- A Fire Fighter during the storm filled another fighters boots with water during the last storm. The Fire Chief wanted this on the record.
- Provided a copy of the police departments schedule.

9.3 Selectman

Selectman Beckwith stated the Red Cross was happy with swim counselors this year and Summer Recreation is over and went well.

9.4 Boards and Committees-None

10.0 WARRANTS

10.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants.

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

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Poulin seconded motion passed (4-0).