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Members Present: Neil Boyden; Amy Lord; Ashley Lucht
Absent: Chris Granda; June Heston
Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Denise Barnard; Fran Thomas;
Dave Thomas; Harland Stockwell.

Neil Boyden called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Presentation on Australian Articles 13 and 14 for Town Meeting

The Town Manager provided a brief presentation on basic details of these two articles.

Article 13 “Shall the voters approve of funding for the Depot Street parking lot with a \$20,000 appropriation in the Town budget in each of the next five years?”

Article 14 “Shall the voters of Richmond approve an additional expenditure of \$10,000 to the FY2014 Budget to fund a part-time Recreation Director?”

The Manager explained the reasons why these articles were proposed, what the town would get and how much these articles would cost. The floor was then opened to the public.

Dave Thomas asked several questions about the design of the parking lot and how many spaces ultimately would be provided. He felt that this was an expensive way to gain ten more spaces over what is available now, although the lot would be a better option.

Denise Barnard suggested that Dan Noyes might know someone at the railroad that could be asked about additional right-of-way beyond the Depot Street lot.

There was some discussion about the possibility of the Vermont Municipal Park and Ride grant. Amy Lord suggested that this could be applied for and utilized for additional funding. The Manager suggested that this might also work for the additional lot. The first lot could be designed to fit with a possible second lot without reconstruction.

Dave Thomas said that the town should solicit public input on the design before it is finalized, and announce this at Town Meeting.

Harland Stockwell felt that the Recreation Director was not needed, however, he felt that those who started the idea had said negative comments about people involved in recreation currently.

Fran Thomas said she did not support this idea several years ago since it was not well thought out or organized, but now with a job description and an explanation of what the position would do, she was for it.

There was some additional question and answer on both articles for the remainder of the meeting.

2. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Boyden to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Lord. So voted.