

**RICHMOND SELECTBOARD
REGULAR MEETING
August 15, 2016 MINUTES**

Members Present: Ellen Kane; Lincoln Bressor; Bard Hill; Steve May; David Sander

Absent: None

Others Present: Mary Houle; Maureen Kangley; Gabe Firman; John Monks; Dr. Richard Bernstein; and Ruth Miller was present to videotape the meeting for MMCTV Channel 15.

Ellen Kane called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

1. Welcome and Public Comment

Ms. Kane asked if there were any comments from the public.

Maureen Kangley asked for Steve May's resignation due to his affiliations.

Chair Ellen Kane asked the board for a motion to modify the warned agenda moving item I b up to I a due to a request from Gabe Firman. The board unanimously agreed to the change request.

2. Items for Discussion with Those Present

Appointment to Development Review Board

Gabe Firman came forward and spoke to his desire to fill the open seat on the Development Review Board. David Sander asked what qualities Gabe had to offer for the DRB. Mary Houle spoke in support of Firman for the position. Bard Hill made a motion to appoint Gabe Firman to fill the open slot on the DRB. The motion was seconded by David Sander. The motion was approved 5-0. Mr. Firman was thanked for his interest to serve on the DRB.

Presentation of Elm Tables – John Monks of Vermont Tree Goods

John monks spoke to the construction of the two tables in the town center, made from the harvested elm from Tilden Avenue. The room thanked John for his quality work. The tables are finished with a finish called Polix, a durable, non toxic wood finish from Sweden. John said he would warranty the tables and their finish, stating the tables should easily last 100 years or more.

3. Other Business

Property maintenance /Building regulations

Bard Hill spoke to the history of a need to address the public safety issue with abandoned commercial buildings in the town. It was noted that the responsibility of enforcement of proposed ordinances would fall on the town, and could be both difficult and costly to enforce. Mary Houle spoke to the need to specify the focus of any ordinance needed to be within the village, not applying to agricultural buildings town wide. Mary also spoke to the difficulty of enforcement. Lincoln Bressor asked what

1 the focus of the ordinance would be, commercial, vacant building? The issue was deferred to a future
2 meeting.

3 4 Transportation Alternatives Grant

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6 Chair Ellen Kane spoke to considering transportation alternatives in Richmond's future, and the
7 Transportation Alternatives Grant. Lincoln asked if cross walk signage funding could be covered with
8 this grant. There was some discussion as to the possible benefits of this grant. It was decided to table
9 further discussion of this grant until the board could discuss it further with the town manager.

10 11 Anti-Displacement Plan and Policies for VCDP Grant/Creamery Project

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13 Chair Ellen Kane spoke to the need for the board to accept the VCDP anti-displacement plan
14 resolution. Acceptance of this resolution was moved by David Sander, seconded Steve May. The
15 resolution was accepted with a vote of 5-0.

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17 Chair Ellen Kane asked for a motion to adopt an E.E.O.E. policy. Motion was made by Bard Hill,
18 seconded by Lincoln Bressor. The motion passed 5-0.

19 20 Cross Walk Discussion

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22 Chair Ellen Kane spoke to the quotes for cross walk signage equipment. Highway Foreman Pete
23 Gosselin had provided a quote for purchase of lighted pedestrian signals. After some discussion David
24 Sander made a motion to approve the purchase of two solar powered cross walk illumination units to
25 sign the Bridge Street crosswalk, with an expected cost of \$5,200. The motion was seconded by Bard
26 Hill. The motion passed 5-0.

27 28 Reports from Selectboard

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30 Bard Hill called attention to the police report, specifically the mention of illegal opiate drug usage.
31 Mary Houle asked if the town could receive Opiate Drug use data from Richmond Rescue.

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33 Lincoln Bressor mentioned it was time to begin budget discussions soon. Steve May mentioned e
34 VLCT town fair conflicted with Yom-Kippur.

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36 Chair Ellen Kane gave a brief review of the Greystone storm water situation. KAS Engineering is
37 working on construction options for discharge near the flood plain.

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39 There was discussion on the RATC Nest usage in the basement. It was noted there was recently water
40 in the basement, the area is hard to access by people with disabilities, and there is considerable clutter
41 accumulating in the basement. Several people expressed thanks for being able to access the space.

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43 Chair Ellen Kane gave an update on the East Main water line replacement, and our new legal counsel,
44 stating they were beginning to work on a collective bargaining agreement and several zoning issues.

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46 Richard Bernstein asked to give an update on the opiate task force. David Sander made a motion to
47 add this to the agenda as item III b. Motion seconded by Bard Hill, passed 5-0. Richard Bernstein
48 proceeded to give a brief update on the ongoing work the task force is doing to combat this issue.

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1 Approval of Warrants

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3 Warrants were approved and signed.

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5 Items for Next Agenda

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7 -Building ordinance
8 -Budget discussion
9 -Stream bank erosion
10 -Greystone storm water
11 -Update on Community Gardens/Chris Granda (Steve May)
12 -plaque for the two elm tables, with Richmond Town Crest.

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14 **4. Adjourn**

15 Motion by Mr. Sander to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Bressor. So voted.