

Selectboard Minutes 5-6-19-DRAFT

Called to Order 7:08pm

Present: David Sander, Bard Hill, Christy Witters, Roger Brown, Katie Mather, Josh Arneson, Jessica Draper, Hilary Holmes, Gary Bressor, Fran Thomas, Chuck Senick, Dolores Carter, Jennifer Snow, Scott Nickerson, Mark Fausel, Mary Houle, Betsy Emerson, Judy Rosovsky, Geoff Urbanik

Public Comment: Mary Houle thanked the community for green up day participation.

No Changes were made to the agenda

Town Forest Expenses: Geoff Urbanik requested approval from the selectboard for expenses for the town forest totalling \$1031.72. Bard Hill moved to approve the request. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Road Closure: GMAA requested road closure from 8:15-9:15am. Roger moved to approve the request. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Conservation Commission Rip Rap Funding Request: Judy Rosovsky explained the proposal from the conservation commission to only fund \$20,000. Christy thanked Judy for the background information. Christy Witters moved to accept the \$20,000 recommendation, seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved.

Bard Hill moved to amend the FY20 budget and revenue to move Rip Rap Principal and Rip Rap Interest and Rip Rap Revenue from Admin to Highway. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Gary Bressor discussed concern for the construction and the selectboard suggested a walk-through with the town engineer.

Park Ordinance Hearing: Roger Brown moved to open the hearing, seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved. Josh read the proposed amendment that would allow up to two alcohol vendors at the farmers market. Fran Thomas asked if the park ordinance applied to the round church green. It was discussed that the ordinance does apply to the green, however the alcohol clause is specific to the Richmond Farmers' Market. Roger Brown moved to close the hearing, seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved. Roger Brown moved to approve the proposed amendment. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved. Josh explained that the public has 45 days to come with a petition to oppose the change, otherwise the change will be effective after 60 days.

Planning Commission: Mark Fausel and Scott Nickerson discussed possible highway upgrades to help with traffic management. They also gave a brief overview of their proposed zoning changes. The selectboard discussed possible transportation alternatives and the downside to infrastructure upgrades.

Round Church Lighting: Fran and Gary presented their lighting proposal. Roger Brown moved to approve their proposal, seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved.

Police Chief: Chief Muldoon updated the selectboard about de-escalation training and the proposed plan for sharing the police activity reports on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, and the town website. Chief Muldoon also presented his plan for staffing the part time position with multiple officers doing a few shifts per month. Chief Muldoon announced Bill Bullocks intentions to retire at the end of May.

Audit Bid: Josh announced that only one bid had been submitted to do the annual audit. The bid was from Sullivan & Powers for slightly less than the budgeted amount. Christy Witters moved to accept the bid. Seconded by Roger Brown. All were in favor, so moved.

All Hazards Mitigation Plan: Josh presented the updated 2018 report.

Grant Updates: Josh announced that the Class 2 roadways, structures, and ERP grant applications were all denied.

Banners: Josh explained that he and Jess determined that the town had to own the banners from WSBA in order for them to be exempt from zoning regulations and that he would work that out with WSBA.

Town Center Committee: It was discussed that the committee chairs were still looking for letters from people interested in serving on the committee. The letters would be reviewed at the next selectboard meeting.

Appointments: Josh explained that he had forwarded letters of interest to the committee chairs, and appointments would be made at the next meeting.

Capital Plan: Josh gave an update on the capital plan progress, and that it would go to the planning commission first then the selectboard for approval.

West Main Grant: Roger Brown moved to approve the NBRC Economic Development grant application and Josh as the grant manager, seconded by Bard Hill.

Communications: Josh passed along mail from VLCT and VTrans.

Minutes: Bard Hill moved to approve the minutes from 4-15-19. Seconded by Roger Brown. David, Bard, Roger, and Katie were in favor, Christy abstained, so moved.

Warrants and P.O.s: Christy moved to approve Purchase Order 3632 for \$3500 for the East Main Outfall. Seconded by Roger Brown. All were in favor, so moved.

Bard Hill moved to approve Purchase Order 3597 for \$298,692 for paving. Seconded by Katie Mather. All were in favor, so moved.

Mary Houle asked who Heather Murphy was and if she was related to anyone in the Highway Department. Josh explained that she was a temporary employee and was not a relative of anyone in that department. Mary also asked why the police received backpay for holidays. Josh explained that that came from the Collective Bargaining Agreement grievance outcome. Mary also requested that there be a photo and name with new staff as an announcement, and that employees fully fill out timesheets with title and department.

Items for Next Agenda: NBRC grant update, Town Center Committee, Appointments, Chief Muldoon

Roger moved to adjourn, seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, adjourned 9:41pm.