

R I C H M O N D S E L E C T B O A R D
S P E C I A L M E E T I N G
J u n e 8 , 2 0 1 5 M I N U T E S

Members Present: David Sander; Bard Hill; Taylor Yeates; Ellen Kane; Lincoln Bressor
Absent: None
Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Cathleen Gent; Kendall Chamberlin,
Water Resources.

David Sander called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

1. Welcome and Public Comment

Mr. Sander asked if there was any comment from the public for items not on the agenda, and Cathleen Gent asked for an explanation of the issue.

2. East Main Water Lines Bond Resolution Certificate; Warning; Declaration of Intent

The Manager and Mr. Sander explained the need for the East Main water line replacement project. Since the state was coming through in two years with work on Route 2, the time was coming to complete this work either in advance or coincident to the road project. Also driving this was the April notification that the town was at the top of the State's Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund priority list and required a bond vote prior to the end of the Summer to approve the application.

Mr. Hill further explained that not only due to timing of the road work and state loan but also timing because of the new tank. The new tank will add pressure to the system and possibly rupture leaky pipes on East Main. Ms. Kane said this project has been in line to be completed but these reasons push it to the top of the list.

Mr. Yeates was concerned about how much more people would have to pay. He said that the reasons given were fine but people were concerned about how much they would need to pay on this and so far no one has answered that. He added that the streetscape component of East Main was not a priority for him now, since the Fire Department had issues.

Mr. Hill further explained that part of the pay back on this would be a reduction in emergency repair expenses, which have been reported by Mr. Chamberlin to be at a minimum \$10,000 each repair and often there were multiple breaks per year.

There was some discussion.

Ms. Gent said she understood that this would be repaid only by water users and we needed to do this before the state's road work, but she advocated for the streetscape part of the project as well. She said that the Selectboard has already approved the plans for that part.

The Manager then read the Resolution and Warning and from the Declaration of Official Intent (attached to these minutes). This included the date and time of the proposed bond vote (July 14, 2015 from 7am to 7pm at Richmond Town Center, 203 Bridge Street), the date and time of the public

1 information session (July 8, 2015 at 7pm in Richmond Town Center) and the bond question: *Shall*
2 *general obligation bonds of the Town of Richmond in an amount not to exceed One Million*
3 *Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of*
4 *available state and federal grants-in-aid; be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of*
5 *replacing water lines and mains on East Main Street, the aggregate estimated cost of all*
6 *such improvements being One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000).*
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9 Ms. Kane offered a motion to approve the Resolution Certificate; Warning; and Declaration of Intent
10 for the East Main bond question. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.
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12 Mr. Bressor said the town needed to put information on this soon. Not much has been released on it.
13 Mr. Sander agreed.
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15 Ms. Kane and Mr. Hill discussed putting some information together for the public.
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17 Mr. Yeates added that the replacement of the failed fire hydrant was important for him and this line
18 also led to the Fire Department – something that the public should be aware of.
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20 Cathleen Gent asked if this information would be available prior to the July public information
21 session, and the Manager said yes.
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23 **3. Adjourn**

24 Motion by Ms. Kane to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Bressor. So voted.