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Members Present: David Sander; Ellen Kane; Lincoln Bressor; Taylor Yeates

Absent: Bard Hill

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Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Ezra Hall; Earl Wester; Jim Prevo; Diane Prevo; Cara LaBounty; Bruce LaBounty; Jeff Forward; Chris Granda; Erik Sandblom and Steve Diglio of KAS; Mary Houle; and Ruth Miller was present to videotape the meeting for MMCTV Channel 15.

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David Sander called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**1. Welcome and Public Comment**

Mr. Sander asked if there were any comments from the public.

Ms. Kane clarified a rumor that was circulating that the Kitchen Table Bistro was closing and the owners may be having personal trouble, however, that was not the case. She said that both the Kitchen Table and Parkside Kitchen were open and doing well, and the owners were in great shape. She said that we should all support Richmond’s businesses and these two restaurants in particular were open for business.

**2. Items for Presentation with Those Present**

Greystone Drive

The Manager explained that KAS Consulting had been engaged to design a repair to Greystone Drive, which was heavily damaged in one section by flooding on June 9<sup>th</sup>. This had been a declared disaster, and the town was eligible for FEMA funding on this project. Present this evening were Erik Sandblom and Steve Diglio to explain their findings and approach to a solution.

Mr. Sandblom explained that they wanted to consider alternatives on a whole situation approach, not just a road repair. The storm water flow through this area could be significant and without adequate preparation the road would continue to be vulnerable. FEMA partially recognized this, and Steve Diglio had prepared a slide presentation to explain the site and their two alternatives.

THIS SECTION OF THE MINUTES WILL BE FURTHER DEVELOPED

The Selectboard was in favor of the least cost approach, despite the lesser amount of FEMA funding.

Ms. Kane offered a motion to support of moving forward with the slope-stabilization alternative, with upstream piping. Mr. Bressor seconded the motion, adding that the simplest approach should be the choice.

There was some discussion on the motion, which ultimately carried 3-1 with Mr. Yeates voting against.

1 Net-Metered Solar RFP – Jeff Forward and Chris Granda

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3 Jeff Forward presented his recommendations for the net-metered solar RFP conducted by the town,  
4 and earlier explained by Chris Granda. Mr. Forward said he felt that the Green Lantern Group  
5 proposal best suited Richmond's needs, and the town's trend was towards less energy and not more.  
6 He felt that the Sun Edison proposal was too great of a commitment for energy purchase and the town  
7 could risk paying for electricity it did not use.

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9 Mr. Bressor offered a motion to accept the Green Lantern Group proposal for net-metered solar project  
10 and was seconded by Mr. Yeates. The motion carried 4-0.

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12 Use of Cochran Road Property – Chris Granda

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14 Chris Granda was present to explain his results from the public outreach he conducted to see what  
15 people preferred for use of the Cochran Road property acquired through the hazard mitigation buyout  
16 program.

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18 Following discussion, Mr. Granda said additional work was required before he could make a final  
19 recommendation.

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21 **3. Other Business**

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23 Fy2017 Budget Sessions

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25 The Manager explained that the Selectboard should hold a budget session on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at  
26 7:00 PM. Department Heads would present their budget requests and converse with the Selectboard.  
27 Due to the late hour, little discussion was held on this topic, but the Selectboard did request that some  
28 backup information be provided beforehand.

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30 Reports from Selectboard and Town Manager

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32 The Manager noted the Works in Progress and the Police Report.

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34 The Manager reported on other items, to be developed.

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36 Approval of Warrants

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38 Mr. Yeates asked why we paid sales tax on one invoice, and why we paid a surcharge for paper  
39 towels. It was agreed that there was an environmental charge for disposal of oily rags at Highway.  
40 Mr. Yeates objected to a vague invoice for planning consultant for the zoning officer. The warrants  
41 were reviewed and approved.

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43 Approval of Minutes

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45 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2015 and was seconded by Mr.  
46 Bressor and the motion carried 4-0.

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1 Approval of Vermont Sub-Grant for FEMA Claim

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3 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to approve the Sub-Grant agreement for the June disaster and was  
4 seconded by Ms. Kane and the motion carried 4-0.

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6 Approval of VLCT Delegate

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8 The Manager explained that he was typically the voting delegate at the VLCT annual meeting.

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10 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to approve Geoffrey Urbanik as the voting delegate from Richmond for  
11 the VLCT annual meeting. Ms. Kane seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

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13 Approval of FY2015 Audit Contract

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15 The Manager explained that the town had signed a three-year contract with Sullivan Powers & Co.,  
16 however this was the specific FY2015 agreement.

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18 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to approve the contract with Sullivan Powers & Co. for the FY2015 audit  
19 and was seconded by Mr. Bressor. The motion carried 4-0.

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21 Approval of Liquor License Application: Stone Corral

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23 The Manager explained that this was the application from Stone Corral Brewery for their Class 1  
24 liquor license. The Manager explained that they would be closing no later than 10:00 PM per their  
25 zoning permit. Consideration of this license would mean the board would act as the Board of Liquor  
26 Control.

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28 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to approve the Class 1 liquor license application from Stone Corral  
29 Brewery and was seconded by Ms. Kane and the motion carried 4-0.

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31 Executive Session

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33 Mr. Sander explained an executive session was required to discuss personnel matters pertaining to the  
34 Town Manager's evaluation.

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36 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to enter an executive session at 9:15 PM to discuss the Town Manager's  
37 evaluation, with the Town Manager present. Mr. Bressor seconded the motion and the motion carried  
38 4-0.

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40 At 9:25 PM, Mr. Yeates offered a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular  
41 session. Mr. Bressor seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0. No further action was taken.

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44 **4. Adjourn**

45 Motion by Mr. Yeates to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Kane. So voted.