

R I C H M O N D S E L E C T B O A R D
R E G U L A R M E E T I N G
J u n e 6 , 2 0 1 6 M I N U T E S

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

Absent: None

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Mary Houle; Kendall Chamberlin, Water Resources; Lunette Clandon; Darcy Buret; Marcy Harding; Dan Martin; Derek Miodownik; Bob Heiser; Rick Niquette; Reg Mobbs; and Ruth Miller was present to videotape the meeting for MMCTV Channel 15.

Ellen Kane called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Welcome and Public Comment

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

Mary Houle explained that there were tomato plants for sale in the Clerk's Office to benefit Our Community Cares Camp, organically grown some in soil some in organic compost.

Ms. Houle also said that the charity bicycle ride from two weekends ago put on by the Richard Tom foundation had bicyclists not following the rules of the road. She said that was disappointing since the purpose of the Richard Tom foundation was to promote safety.

Mr. May said that the quality of the signage was poor and difficult to read, and they should do a better job if they want to continue this ride.

2. Items for Discussion with Those Present

Speeding on Esplanade Street and Volunteers Green

The Manager explained that there were again complaints about speeding on Esplanade and the park access road during youth sports. Speed limit signs had been put up, but the problem was not improving. Some had suggested closing off the end of Esplanade so that youth sports traffic needed to stay on the park access road. The Manager said that the wastewater trucks turned around there, and also there was an easement for the Farris to access the fields behind the wastewater treatment plant. Speed bumps had been mentioned, but those could be loud.

Mr. Bressor said that if you reduced traffic flow, speed bumps would not be the best and adverse to the local traffic. If the end is gated at the soccer field, then it would be a better solution.

Mr. Hill asked what access was needed where the town road ends? It was explained that the farmer accessed it and soccer parents routinely parked beyond the parking lot when room was scarce.

Harland Stockwell said there used to be a gate there, but at some time he was told by the town to take it out.

1 Mr. May said that if the interest is to maintain a right-of-way then traffic calming should be done, and
2 reconfigure the access road.

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4 Ms. Kane asked how we could make Esplanade not a through-street to the park. Mr. Bressor said we
5 needed to get word to the youth sports leagues about the parking.

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7 Tim Conover proposed that the park road be opened up more and Esplanade closed with a gate, at the
8 end. Derrick Miodownik said we should preserve Esplanade as a residential street. The traffic volume
9 was too large now.

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11 Kendall Chamberlin said that he needs to turn tractor trailers around at the end but agreed that most
12 people use too much speed on that street.

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14 There was additional discussion and the Selectboard agreed that they wanted to keep the back fields
15 accessible but wanted to control traffic and make sports parking utilize the park access road.

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17 Mary Houle said there needed to be a police presence to enforce the traffic laws. It was agreed that
18 this item would come back with suggestions on the next agenda.

19 20 Walkable Bikeable Richmond

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22 The Manager explained that an Esplanade Resident had suggested that the town explore VTrans grants
23 to build bike paths or bike lanes. He noted that resident wasn't here this evening, but these VTrans
24 grants were the same that had been applied for before, for a sidewalk project (that was not awarded).
25 They take 3-5 years for scoping and construction so he cautioned that the town would need to take this
26 project seriously and not plan to construct anything this year.

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28 Mr. May also said this might be used for traffic calming devices, or bike lanes along Cochran Road, or
29 perhaps a bike plan.

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31 Mary Houle suggested that the town not waive the requirement for sidewalks for residential
32 subdivisions.

33 34 **3. Other Business**

35 36 Round Church Road Closure – WSBA Art Festival

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38 The Manager explained that this was done last year, with no complaints. The Western Slopes
39 Business Association had made arrangements for the residents to be able to come and go, but the road
40 would be closed to through traffic.

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42 Mr. Bressor wanted to be sure that the town communicated to the Richardsons about this closure. Mr.
43 Sander offered a motion to approve the closure of Round Church Road on June 18, 2016 for the day,
44 for their annual Arts Festival. Mr. May seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

45 46 Approval of Access Permit – 1630 Stage Road

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48 Due to the public attendance for this item, it was moved up on the agenda.
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1 The Manager explained that the owner of 1630 Stage Road, Darcy Buret, was constructing a driveway,
2 and had a building permit for a home. The issue before the board was an access permit for where the
3 driveway meets Stage Road. The lot has a pre-existing right-of-way for logging shared with
4 neighbors, Dan Martin and Marcy Harding. Ms. Harding was concerned that the vagueness of the
5 easement language might cause it to lapse if the logging road was abandoned in favor of the new
6 driveway. The Manager noted that the logging easement was a private landowner issue, and the
7 access permit was the only Selectboard issue.

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9 Marcy Harding further explained the situation and felt that the existing logging road was the easement
10 and if it were cut off, her access would be threatened. She wanted the Selectboard to either hold off on
11 approving the access or put a condition that would clarify the logging easement.

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13 Darcy Buret, owner, was present and said that she intended for the new driveway to replace the
14 logging road as the shared easement. There was further discussion.

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16 The Manager suggested adding conditional language in the access permit to clarify the shared use of
17 the access. The Selectboard agreed. Ms. Harding noted that she had appealed the building permit
18 issued by the zoning officer to the Development Review Board.

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20 Mr. Bressor offered a motion to approve the access permit #16-033 for 1630 Stage Road, with the
21 conditional language added, “ “ and was seconded by Mr. Sander. The motion carried 5-0.

22 23 Coin Drop Policies

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25 The Manager explained that at the last meeting, the Selectboard agreed to allow a coin drop for the
26 Fire Department in October. A member of the Parade and Fireworks Committee had pointed out that
27 the policy from 2004 stated that if either the Fire Department or Parade Committee abandoned their
28 coin drop for a year it would lapse. Seeing how the Fire Department did not do a coin drop for a
29 while, the assertion was that they could no longer do so.

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31 Reg Mobbs explained that to avoid losing the second coin drop, the Parade and Fireworks Committee
32 sought to have two, and the Selectboard granted that three years ago.

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34 Rick Niquette said that the State wouldn't allow more than two coin drops in town anymore.

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36 There was discussion. The Manager was directed to verify how many coin drops the State would
37 allow, and to find out when the policy might have been amended last, and report back for the June 20th
38 meeting.

39 40 Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Representative

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42 Mr. Hill explained that the and Ms. Kane were the official representatives, but the board needed to
43 reappoint. There was some discussion, and Mr. Hill was asked if he could continue and he agreed.

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45 Mr. May offered a motion to appoint Bard Hill as CCRPC Representative, and Ellen Kane as alternate,
46 and was scounded by Mr. Sander. The motion carried 5-0.

47 48 Bordeaux Settlement

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1 The Manager reported that the final offer of \$20,000 to pay the existing lien against the Steven
2 Bordeaux Estate was agreed to by both parties – the Selectboard and the heirs to the Edward Bordeaux
3 Estate. This was for cleaning of the property to remediate a health order from 2013.

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5 The Manager said that first the Selectboard should approve a motion to accept the settlement, and then
6 approve a motion to release the lien.

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8 Mr. Hill offered a motion to approve the \$20,000 settlement offer on the Bordeaux Lane matter and
9 was seconded by Mr. Sander, and the motion carried 5-0.

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11 Mr. Sander offered a motion to withdraw the lien on the property up on payment of the Settlement and
12 was seconded by Mr. Hill, and the motion carried 5-0.

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14 Mr. Sander noted that the town was forgoing much of the interest from the past three years. Ms. Kane
15 said that the board felt that the pursuit of that interest would cost just as much in legal fees.

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17 Mary Houle stated that the attorney who crafted this should be held accountable.

18 19 Reports from Selectboard and Town Manager

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21 Mr. May explained that on June 2nd he held a workshop on the Creative Economy, with Big Heavy
22 World Executive Director James Lockridge. He recommended that the town continue to pursue a
23 relationship with Big Heavy World, and they were planning on holding an event in town. The
24 working group was primarily focused on supporting artisans in town, and this was one way to do that.

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26 The Manager noted that two resignations had recently been received – Bruce LaBounty as Planning
27 Commission and Cara LaBounty from the DRB. The Selectboard typically accepted these
28 resignations and authorized efforts to fill the seats. Mr. May offered a motion to accept the
29 resignations of Bruce LaBounty and Cara LaBounty and take steps to recruit for their seats. The
30 motion was seconded by Mr. Bressor, and the motion carried 5-0.

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32 The Manager noted the Police Report. The Manager also said that VTrans wanted support for a grant
33 they were pursuing on upgrading technology on I-89 between the Canadian border and Montpelier.
34 There was some question on what this meant. Mr. May was concerned about license plate readers, and
35 the Manager was directed to obtain more information about this program, and bring to the June 20th
36 agenda.

37 38 Approvals

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40 Mr. Sander offered a motion to approve the minutes of May 16, 2016 and was seconded by Mr. May,
41 and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Bressor abstaining.

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43 Mr. Sander offered a motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2016 and was seconded by Mr. May,
44 and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Bressor abstaining.

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46 Mr. May offered a motion to approve work within the right-of-way requests #16-019 and #16-020 for
47 Vermont Gas installations. Mr. Hill seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

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1 There was some question on the access permit 16-037 for 400D Huntington Road, since the lot was on
2 Cemetery Road but no address was given. The Manager was directed to clarify this and return on the
3 June 20th agenda.

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5 Turn the Towns Teal

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7 The Manager explained that this was the third year for this awareness campaign for ovarian cancer.
8 The group tied teal ribbons to the utility poles in town, and took them down with no issues. There was
9 some discussion on this, but Mr. Sander offered a motion to approve the request to put up the ribbons
10 and was seconded by Mr. Hill. Mr. May asked if this should be a proclamation, but the board
11 declined. The motion carried 5-0.

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13 Rural Road Safety Improvement Grant

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15 The Manager explained this used to be called the High Risk Rural Road grant, where the State put up
16 new signage in certain locations. The Town had used this grant before, on Wes White Hill and
17 Huntington Road. The new sections were on Kenyon Road and Johnnie Brook Road. The State put
18 up the signs, and the town agreed to maintain them.

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20 Mr. Sander offered a motion to participate in the State's Rural Road Safety Improvement Grant and
21 was seconded by Mr. May. The motion carried 5-0.

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23 Approval of Purchase Orders

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25 Asphalt Paving

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27 The Manager explained that the previous week the Highway Foreman had opened bids for \$465,000 of
28 asphalt paving. This was the town's \$290,000 budget appropriation plus a \$175,000 highway grant
29 from the State for Huntington Road. FW Whitcomb was the low bidder, for an aggregate of
30 \$502,343.08, which would be amended to reflect the budget.

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32 A representative from Pike Paving was there to explain why Pike was a better choice for this work.
33 After some discussion, the Selectboard determined there was no compelling reason to reject the bids or
34 award to anyone other than the lowest bidder, Whitcomb.

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36 Mr. Sander offered a motion to approve the Purchase Order 2593 for \$465,000 to Whitcomb for
37 asphalt paving (FY2017) and was seconded by Mr. May. The motion carried 5-0.

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39 Mr. Sander offered a motion to approve Purchase Order 3238 to Coban Technologies for a
40 replacement computer and body cam for \$3,004.00 and was seconded by Mr. May. The motion
41 carried 5-0.

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43 Mr. Hill offered a motion to approve Purchase Order 3239 to Community Workshop LLC for Town
44 Plan outreach in the amount of \$2,712.10 and was seconded by Mr. Sander. The motion carried 5-0.

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46 Mr. May offered a motion to approve Purchase Order 3247 to KAS for work on Greystone, previously
47 approved, in the amount of \$4,940.00 and was seconded by Mr. Sander and the motion carried 5-0.

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49 The Manager reported that the sand and gravel purchase order for this year was slightly over, and the
50 Selectboard had to approve the overage. Mr. Sander offered a motion to approve an amendment to

- 1 Purchase Order 2471 to Hinesburg Sand and Gravel from \$47,998.85 to \$48,284.89 and was seconded
2 by Mr. Hill. The motion carried 5-0.
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4 Warrants were approved and signed.
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6 Items for the next agenda were reviewed.
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8 Ms. Houle asked if we had new hires in the police department. The Manager didn't think so but there
9 was a vacancy in the part-time position. Ms. Houle asked that new police hires be introduced.
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11 Mr. May asked if there was any noticeable difference to the Stone Corral since the meeting with the
12 Chief of Police.
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14 **4. Adjourn**
15 Motion by Mr. Sander to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Seconded by Mr. May. So voted.