

**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 5 , 2 0 1 7 M I N U T E S**

Members Present: Lincoln Bressor; Bard Hill; Stephen Ackerman; Steve May; David Sander

Absent: None

Others Present: Mary Houle; Maureen Kangley; Connie Bona, Finance Assistant; Stephanie Albaugh; Briset Flores; Jon Low; Lou Borie; Liz Low; Lori Hennessey; Nick DeTornowsky; Hillary Holmes; Bob Low; Wright Preston; Brad Elliott; Fritz Martin; and Fisher Wagg was present to videotape the meeting for MMCTV Channel 15.

Lincoln Bressor called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

1. Welcome and Public Comment

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

Mary Houle stated she found five roofing nails in the Town Center Parking lot. She presented one nail to the selectboard.

Mary asked the board if the board could rescind funding approved by a previous selectboard.

Mary asked what authority the town constable had to conduct traffic stops. Chair Lincoln Bressor stated the town constable was not accountable to the Selectboard, this is an elected position.

There were no further public comments.

2. Items for Discussion with those Present

GMAA Round Church Run and Cochran Road Closure

Laurie Hennessey discussed the closing of Route 2 for the bridge replacement coinciding with the planned run on Cochran road. This presents a problem with Cochran Road being the identified detour for Rt. 2. She asked the board and the members of the public to offer any suggestions for a solution to this problem. Upon further consideration, it was decided that GMAA would try and find an alternate date for the race.

Prosper Program presentation

Briset Flores and Stephanie Albaugh presented an overview of the Prosper Program in place at Camel’s Hump Middle School.

Western Slopes Business Association/Stone Chorale Alcohol Permit Request

Nick DeTornowsky gave an overview of the proposed Art Festival event planned to take place at the Round Church from 10-4 on June 24th. They requested a Permit for alcohol consumption at the event.

Steve May asked about Insurance Liability and the open container law. The proposal is for Alcohol to

1 be consumed in a confined area. Mary Houle asked if local homeowners had been notified about the
2 event. The organizers indicated this was a repeat event, but that they would do some outreach to the
3 nearby home owners.
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5 The motion to approve the request was made by Bard Hill, and seconded by David Sander. The
6 motion was approved 5-0.
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8 Conservation Reserve Fund/ Gillett Pond 9

10 Lou Borie, Rob Zimmerman and Judy Rosovsky spoke to the history of the dam on Gillett Pond, and
11 the damage to the dam caused by a storm several years ago. They asked for a commitment of
12 \$150,000 from the conservation fund for the study, design and replacement of the existing dam. There
13 was discussion of the merits of maintaining the dam for recreational use and flood control.
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15 Fritz Martin from the Richmond Land Trust spoke to the design and construction of the proposed
16 replacement dam. Cara Labounty questioned the level of the pond with the replacement dam, and
17 suggested the land trust have a conversation with the town about the maintenance of culverts
18 associated with the dam project.
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20 Steve May asked if this request was the only request, or if this was to be the first request with
21 subsequent requests in the future. Bard Hill asked about a request for funding from Huntington. It
22 was stated that there was a request made from Huntington, but that figure was not available. There
23 was discussion about the location of the pond, the proposed replacement dam, and the residents that
24 would benefit from the improvements to the dam. After some discussion, it was stated that the pond
25 and the dam were both within the town of Richmond, but Huntington was asked to contribute
26 \$100,000 to the project.
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28 Lincoln Bressor asked if the money from the conservation fund was committed, but the project failed
29 to reach their funding goal if the money would still be spent. The Land Trust explained if the funding
30 goal was not met, the funds would not be expended.
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32 Lincoln mentioned he may have a conflict of interest, as his father serves on the Land Trust
33 Committee. Bard Hill discussed the degrees of conflict of interest, and expressed the opinion he did
34 not believe a conflict existed.
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36 Bard suggested funding from the Richmond Land Trust be contingent on funding also being
37 committed from Huntington. Cara Labounty spoke to Gillett Pond being a community asset, stating
38 she was in favor of the request. Cara also suggested Lincoln recuse himself citing the potential
39 conflict of interest. Wright Preston stated \$130,000 has been raised from Richmond and Huntington
40 residents.
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42 David Sander made the motion to approve the commitment of the \$150,000 from the land trust funds
43 for the purpose of study, design and replacement of the Gillett Pond Dam. This motion was seconded
44 by Bard Hill.
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46 David Sander amended the motion to state the funds would be available by July 15th, 2017 with a four
47 year commitment. The commitment would expire on July 15th, 2021. The motion passed 4-0-1 with
48 Lincoln Bressor abstaining.
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1 Waiving of fees on Houle property

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3 Mary Houle spoke to not being notified by the town that her case was listed on the warned agenda for
4 discussion. Cara Labounty mentioned there was a history of people not being notified when
5 discussions pertaining to them were discussed in administrative meetings.

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7 Mary produced a letter from the Town of Richmond addressed to her citing action taken on October 6,
8 2011 for the property at 2666 Cochran Road, October 24th 2011 for the property at 2614 Cochran Road
9 and April 2, 2012. The letter stated the town was waiving impact fees on construction related to the
10 removal and replacement of structure(s) on the property.

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12 Mary cited a 2013 letter from then town zoning administrator Gwen Zakov there would be no impact
13 fees charged for a permit for a new building on the property. Mary spoke to the letters not being
14 provided to the Selectboard for review at the meeting. Bard Hill made a motion to waive the
15 following fees related to the application for a replacement home on the Houle property:

16 -Development Review Board Conditional Use Application Fee

17 -Zoning Fee

18 -Fire Impact Fee

19 -Recording Fee

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21 The motion was seconded by David Sander, and was approved 5-0.

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23 **3. Other Business**

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25 Public Parking Ordinance

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27 Bard Hill made a motion to open a public hearing to discuss the proposed parking ordinance, motion
28 seconded by David Sander. Motion was approved 5-0.

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30 Lincoln Bressor read the proposed ordinance, citing the change from parking within 15 feet of the curb
31 line of another TOWN HIGHWAY or state highway to 25 feet. Steve May discussed several recent
32 parking problems within the town. There were no comments from the public. David Sander made a
33 motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Bard Hill. The motion was approved
34 5-0. The public hearing and second reading would be held on July 3, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

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36 Water tank funding balance loan

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38 Connie spoke to the history of the funding for the water tank. Bard Hill made a motion to exercise the
39 Municipal Bond Bank option for a 20-30 year note to complete the financing for the construction of
40 the replacement tank. Motion seconded by David Sander. The motion was approved 4-0-1 with Steve
41 May abstaining.

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43 Reports:

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45 The Annual GMAA Round Church event and Float-a-Palooza were mentioned.
46 East Main Sidewalk, no information from the state on the anticipated removal date for the concrete
47 slabs under route 2. The state will not issue a permit for the replacement of the sidewalks until the sub
48 surface work has been completed on Rt.2. It is the recommendation of the town manager to install
49 temporary asphalt sidewalks.

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1 Approval of Minutes

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3 David Sander made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting as drafted;
4 Seconded by Stephen Ackerman. Motion approved 3-0 with Stephen Ackerman and Bard Hill
5 abstaining.

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7 Appointments

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9 Bard Hill nominated Judy Bush to the Recreation Committee; Seconded by David Sander.
10 Nomination approved 5-0.

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12 Bard Hill nominated Harland Stockwell to the Parade and Fireworks Committee; seconded by David
13 Sander. Nomination approved 5-0.

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15 Warrants and Purchase Orders

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17 The warrant was approved.

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19 David Sander made a motion to approve purchase order 3356 to Ron Bryan Jr. for work on the town
20 center roof. The motion was seconded by Steve May. Motion passed 5-0.

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22 Steve May mentioned a concern with the selectboard approving contracts with disregard to mandating
23 prevailing wages.

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25 David Sander made a motion to approve purchase order 3358 to the Visiting Nurse Association in the
26 amount of \$2,423.25. Motion seconded by Bard Hill, approved 5-0.

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28 David Sander made a motion to approve purchase order #3357 to All States Asphalt in the amount of
29 \$2,670. Motion seconded by Bard Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

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31 David Sander made a motion to approve purchase order #3355 in the amount of \$26,000 to Sullivan
32 and Powers. Motion seconded by Bard Hill, and approved 5-0.

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34 Items for discussion at the next meeting:

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36 Parking Ordinance, Prevailing wages and contract awards, town building inventory.

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38 **4. Adjourn**

39 Motion by Mr. Sander to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hill. So voted.