

Selectboard Minutes 4-1-19

Called to Order: 7:01pm

Present: Roger Brown, Christy Witters, David Sander, Katie Mather, Bard Hill, Paco Aumand, Rick Greenough, Connie Bona, Josh Arneson, Jessica Draper, Mary Houle, Steve Bower, Greg Elias, Chris Granda, Judy Rosovsky, K Ward, Ted and Laura King

David Sander thanked Paco Aumand for his service to the town over the last year. Paco thanked the selectboard in return and said he believed Chief Muldoon would do a great job. Mary Houle also thanked Paco and said she believed he was the right person at the right time and delivered what Richmond needed. David Sander welcomed Greg back and apologized for his recent familial loss.

Executive Session:

Bard Hill moved to find that premature public knowledge about the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee would cause the Town or person to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor. So moved.

Christy Witters moved that they enter into executive session to discuss the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee under the provisions of 1 VSA 313(a)(3) of the Vermont State Statutes and to invite the town manager Josh Arneson into the executive session. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor. So moved.

The selectboard entered executive session at 7:04pm. Bard Hill moved to exit executive session at 7:55pm. Seconded by Katie Mather. All were in favor, so moved.

Public Comment: NA

Agenda Changes: NA

EVSE Grant: Steve Bower from the RCAC gave a quick overview of what had changed with the grant application since the last meeting. Christy Witters asked about the potential for moving the spaces. Steve said it was a possibility, but needed further review. Jessica said that the planning commission would support moving them if it was determined to be possible. Roger Brown asked about the dwelling time. Steve Bower suggested the dwelling time be reduced and the fee be increased from the previous proposal. Bard Hill expressed support for the station but was conflicted about charging the electricity cost to the town, and consequently the taxpayers. Match funding was briefly discussed, and the selectboard had consensus that they would not subsidize the electricity. Mary Houle asked if there would be some kind of usage report, and Steve said that usage does indeed get tracked.

Richard's Ride: A representative from the organization requested a Cochran Road closure with policing for 5/18 from 11-1. Christy Witters moved to approve the closure and policing. Seconded by Roger Brown. All were in favor, so moved.

Rooted VT: Representatives from the organization presented their plans for a major bike ride that would start and return on Cochran Road on August 4th. They said the ride would start at 8:30am and consist of 400-500 riders. The major concern from the board and Rooted representatives was where the riders would park. They said that parking really needed to be within a mile of Cochran's Ski Area. They decided to work on parking options and come back later to discuss those. Bard Hill moved to close Cochran Road, with policing, from 8am to 9am on August 4th. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Budget Discussion: Josh presented the budget status report. He pointed out the areas that were over budget, mostly related to highway with a harsh winter. The format of the report was discussed. Josh offered to reformat the report in excel.

Dumptruck/Cruiser Options: Connie started by saying that she agreed a purchase would make more sense for the 2019 cruiser as opposed to a lease. Roger stated that he didn't think it was a lease and was really a loan that is called a lease. Connie said that whatever it is called, what would be required is a motion to amend the budget and a motion to approve the new purchase order in front of them. Discussion ensued about surplus and self-loaning the money. It was determined that for tonight's purposes, they needed to make the recommended motions and would discuss funding mechanisms for cruisers again another time. Roger Brown moved to amend the fiscal year 2019 budget by removing the \$15,000 lease and substituting the purchase of the cruiser with \$40,000 by using vacancy savings in the Police Department budget. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved. Roger Brown moved to approve purchase order 3711 for a police cruise for \$29,255.30. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved.

Appointment Process: Josh asked the board if they would like to formally set a timeline for the volunteer position appointment process. Judy asked that the process be formally posted on the website with dates. She also requested that expertise in the committee subject matter be added to the list of considered criteria. The board decided not to make that change, but suggested that be considered by the committee when they make their recommendations to the board. They agreed to accept letters until 4/26, and make appointments in May.

Building Committee: The selectboard discussed the membership of the committee after the Town Clerk and Library Trustees expressed interest in being included. Christy said that she thought Josh's presence on the board would cover Linda's concerns, and wanted to make it clear that the selectboard will be making the ultimate decisions. She agreed that having a trustee made sense if we are including their building in the considerations. Jessica offered to approach the planning commission about who they may send to the committee. It was agreed that Katie and Christy would take over communications and managing the committee from there.

Town Plan Items: It was briefly discussed that the selectboard may delegate some of their items to other parties.

Village Center Designation: Josh announced that Richmond had received their designation back from the state downtown board.

Liquor License: Bard moved to approve the Stone Corral liquor license. Seconded by Roger Brown. All were in favor, so moved.

Liaisons, Calendar, Rescue Statistics, and Policies were moved to the next agenda.

Minutes: Christy moved to approve the minutes from 3/18/19. Seconded by Roger Brown. All were in favor, so moved.

Purchase Order: Christy Witters moved to approve purchase order 3709 for \$24,969.21. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved.

Roger Brown moved to adjourn. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, adjourned at 10:11pm.