

## Richmond Selectboard Minutes

5-20-19

Called to Order 7:11pm

Present: David Sander, Bard Hill, Christy Witters, Roger Brown, Katie Mather, Josh Arneson, Jessica Draper, Mary Houle, Marie Thomas, Ken Heskett, Chase Rosenberg, Ed Wells, Logan Hegg, Peter Earle, Caleb Manna, Judy Rosovsky, Chris Granda, Roger Pedersen, Alison Anand, Dave Healy, Dan Goossen, Callie Ewald, Jean Bressor, Chris Cole, Andy Squires, Jon Kart, Alison Aiken, Shannon Dufour-Martinez, Jeff Forward, Bob Reap, Virginia Clarke, Mark Fausel, Scott Nickerson, Sarah Reeves, Paul Stabler, Michele Morris, Jill Martin

### Public Comment:

Mary Houle announced that resident Maureen Kangley had passed away, and there would be no services. She also announced that Alexis Parent, father to clerk Linda Parent, was honored over the weekend with the veterans honor flight to DC from Plattsburgh.

Bob Reap said he thought that the planning commission members wishing to stay on should be given that opportunity and it would be counterproductive to replace members at this time.

Peter Earle said he lived in the village and was concerned that the asphalt being used to pave the interstate would cause a noise disturbance. He asked the selectboard to look into whether that type of asphalt would be used in the portion in Richmond.

### Proposed Agenda Changes: None

Highway: Pete Gosselin gave an overview of highway damages from the weekend's rain storm. He then went over the specs for the new pickup truck needed to replace a pickup that recently failed. He said that a Ford is currently available, but GM or Dogde would have to be ordered. The overall price of the Ford including the plow package would be \$69,498 after the municipal discount of \$8100. Roger Brown moved to approve the Purchase Order 3725 to purchase the Ford with plow package. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved. The paving purchase order was briefly discussed. Roger Brown moved to approve the paving purchase order for \$293,000. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved.

### Appointments:

Planning Commission: All 4 applicants, Alison Anand, Chris Cole, Virginia Clarke, and Chris Granda were invited to speak. Chris Grand had to leave before the opportunity arose. After deliberation of the merits of each candidate, Christy Witters moved to approve all 4 candidates thereby increasing the planning commission to 9 members. Seconded by Katie Mather. All were in favor, so moved.

Roger Brown moved to reappoint Roger Pedersen, seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved. Roger Pedersen was reappointed to the DRB.

Roger Brown moved to reappoint Alison Anand, seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved. Alison Anand was reappointed as DRB alternate.

Christy Witters moved to reappoint Elizabeth Wright, seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved. Elizabeth Wright was reappointed to the conservation commission. Judy Rosovsky encouraged Ken Heskett to reapply when a position opens very shortly.

Roger Brown moved to appoint all four applicants for the trails committee, seconded by Katie Mather. All were in favor, so moved. Callie Ewald, Jean Bressor, Chase Rosenberg, and Alison Aiken were appointed to the trails committee.

Roger Brown moved to reappoint Jack Linn. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved. Jack Linn was reappointed to Lake Iroquois representative.

No applicants for Richmond Rescue board.

Roger Brown moved to approve the slate of applicants for Animal Control (Andy Squires), Fence Viewer, Lumber Shingles and Wood (Jon Kart), Tree Warden, Weigher of Coal, Civil Defense Director, Energy Coordinator, and Parade Committee. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Roger Brown moved to approve Logan Hegg as CSWD representative and Caleb Manna as alternate. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Roger Brown moved to approve all applicants for the town center and library committee. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved.

Roger Brown moved to approve Josh as Emergency Management Director, Jess as PAC representative, and Martha Laing as Service Officer. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Josh clarified that Health Officer is a seat held through December.

The selectboard decided to rearrange the agenda in the absence of representation from CSWD.

Josh said that another person was interested in the property on East Hill Road. He also said that the park ordinance only currently applies to Volunteers Green and Browns Court. The selectboard agreed to schedule a RipRap project tour for June 24th at 5:30pm as a special selectboard meeting. Josh announced that the tree hearing for the Round Church tree would be June 3rd during the selectboard meeting.

VTrans Grant: Jon Kart explained to the board that he and Cathleen Gent were working with town staff on a proposal to apply for a grant that would help fund bike and pedestrian infrastructure in town.

Communications: Josh passed out the mail, including the VLCT magazine and a census data request.

CSWD Budget: Sarah Reeves from CSWD presented their proposed budget and changes to fees at drop off centers. After the budget was presented, Bard Hill stated that there has been immense disappointment in regards to closing the reuse zone in Richmond. He said he experienced unreceptiveness from the board at the time. Marie Thomas said she was extremely upset about the loss of the reuse zone, and that it was disrespectful for Sarah to be late to this meeting, when people had been waiting to be here for her presentation and had to leave because of her lateness. Marie pointed out that Richmond had offered solutions to the problems stated for why the reuse zones were closed, and that they had been ignored. She said CSWD was not living up to their mission and was in fact increasing the waste stream by not providing a method of reuse. Marie then urged the selectboard not to approve their proposed budget. Alison Anand, Mary Houle, Shannon, the Martins, and others seconded Marie's sentiments. Roger Brown asked why they were unable to respond to the obvious demand for the reuse zone and whether their insurance required them to shut it down or if they received a discount for closing them. Sarah said they did not. Christy Witters asked Sarah to respond to the comments. Sarah said that the proposals offered previously were not agreeable, and there were dangerous materials being left in the spaces. Paul, the CSWD chair, said that he could not guarantee the board would consider a new proposal, but a new and different proposal would have to be submitted. Bard moved to decline the proposed budget unless and until CSWD is willing to negotiate reopening the reuse zone. Seconded by Roger Brown. All were in favor, so moved.

Minutes: Bard Hill moved to approve the minutes of 5-6-19. Seconded by Roger Brown. All were in favor, so moved.

Roger Brown moved to approve Purchase Order 3800 to Alliance Mechanical for Post Office HVAC for \$13,700. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Christy Witters moved to approve Purchase Order 3801 to Vermont Paint Company for \$13,400. Seconded by Katie Mather. All were in favor, so moved.

Bard Hill moved to approve Purchase Order 3789 for County Taxes. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Bard Hill moved to approve Purchase Order 3788 to MMMUSD for \$1, 464, 132.25 for their portion of taxes. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Christy Witters moved to approve Purchase Order 3790 to the water department for fire protection for \$45, 637. Seconded by Bard Hill. All were in favor, so moved.

Bard Hill moved to approve Purchase Order 3791 to Union Bank for the Rip Rap loan for \$139, 534.33. Seconded by Christy Witters. All were in favor, so moved.

Next Agenda: Tree Hearing, Answer about Paving, Re-Use Zone

Bard Hill moved to adjourn. Seconded by Christy Witters, all were in favor, adjourned 10:35pm.