

## **Town of Richmond Selectboard Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2022**

**Members Present:** Bard Hill, David Sander, Jay Furr, Jeff Forward, June Heston

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Josh Arneson, Town Manager; Duncan Wardwell, Assistant to the Town Manager; Ravi Venkataraman, Town Planner; Linda Parent, Town Clerk

**Others Present:** Meeting was recorded by MMCTV, Erin Wagg, Dean Slocum, Lauck Parke, Julie Waite, Mary Houle, Ted King, Laura King, Kristen Motley, Martha Nye, Sue Roberge, Rod West,

**Others Present:** The meeting was recorded for MMCTV.

**Call to Order: 7:00pm**

**Welcome by:** Sander

Sander: As acting Chair, I would like to thank the Town voters. We have passed the Municipal Budget. Welcome to Jay Furr and Jeff Forward and Bard Hill who were elected. I am thankful for all our times together as a Board. Thanks to Christine who did a great job as Chair and will be missed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:** None

**Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present**

**Town Meeting follow up: Thanks to voters and candidates**

Sander: Any other comments on Town Meeting follow up?

Hill: Town Meeting in public will hopefully happen next year. There were many towns who did it this year. How do we approach people not always able to attend Town Meeting due to jobs or other conflicts during the day?

Sander: I am sorry we missed in-person Town Meeting but thought we made the right decision.

Arneson: I wanted to thank Town Clerk, Linda Parent, and the Justices of the Peace for their adjustments and diligence to make sure Town Meeting Day was a smooth operation despite unusual circumstances.

**Reorganization: Selection of Chair and Vice Chair, Board Secretary, Official Newspapers**

Sander: Are there any nominations for Selectboard Chair?

Furr: I nominate June Heston for Chair.

Hill: I second. Is June Heston willing to accept such an assignment?

Furr: She told me last week she would be happy to do it.

Heston: I accept the Chair position.

*Furr moves to elect June Heston as the Chair for the Selectboard. Hill seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved  
Heston did not vote due to internet interruption to her attendance.*

Sander: Are there any nominations for Selectboard Vice Chair?

Hill: Would David be willing to serve as Vice Chair?

Sander: Yes, I am willing.

Furr: I would be willing to have David do it.

*Hill moved to elect David Sander as the Vice Chair for the Selectboard. Furr seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill in favor. Sander abstains. Motion approved.  
Heston did not vote due to internet interruption to her attendance.*

Sander: Josh & I decided it would make sense to appoint Duncan as the Chair as he would be able to continue to take notes during the meetings.

*Furr moved to appoint Duncan Wardwell, Assistant to the Town Manager, as  
Selectboard Secretary. Furr seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander, in favor. Motion approved  
Heston did not vote due to internet interruption to her attendance.*

Hill: Is this effective immediately?

Sander: Yes, it is effective immediately.

Heston: I am deferring my role as Chair to David this meeting since my internet is not working.

Sander: We state our Official Newspapers of record where we put information for a municipality. For the past year we have identified the Official Newspapers as the Burlington Free Press, The Times Ink, The Williston Observer & Seven Days. Having a few newspapers gives us the flexibility to choose the best cost based on time deadlines. Does anyone object to these as the Official Newspapers of the Town of Richmond.

*Furr moved to set the Official Newspapers as the Burlington Free Press, The Times Ink,  
The Williston Observer, and Seven Days. Hill seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved  
Heston did not vote due to internet interruption to her attendance.*

### **Consideration of approving a closure of Cochran Rd. on July 31, 2022, for the Rooted Vermont bike event**

*Furr moved to approve a closure of Cochran Rd. on July 31, 2022, for the Rooted Vermont bike event. Hill seconded.  
The vote occurred after the following discussion.*

Houle: I appreciate being able to participate and look forward to in-person meetings. How many times a year is Cochran's Road closed? Does this represent a new entity in Vermont?

Motley: I am one of the race directors. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> race event at Cochran Ski Area.

Houle: I want to narrow it down to how many times is Cochran Rd is being closed.

Motley: I am not aware of another race that closes the road, but we draw the biggest crowd. We request the road closure from time 7 – 8:30 am. One mass start at 7:30 and one at 8:30 am.

Houle: The Selectboard can help us determine how many times Cochran Rd is closed.

Ted King: We heard everything, and Kristin answered it correctly.

Forward: Why are we considering it now?

Motley: Once we get approval from the Selectboard, we can get everyone coordinated for EMS, Fire departments and other municipalities. Richmond is the first town we start with in the process.

Hill: People will be going through more than a couple of towns. It is probably crowded at first but then sparse. We ask that there must be coordination with Police and have received paperwork.

Laura King: I have been in touch with Police Chief Kyle Kapitanski and received the paperwork. I can file the paperwork once I receive acceptance from Selectboard.

Houle: This is done early so organizers can coordinate with all the road occupants. Organizers must send letter notices to all property addresses on Cochran Rd and other roads that will be affected by the closure (like Dugway, Wes White, Duxbury roads). The letter must contain a live phone number to address an issue or incidence. We need to send letters to all tenants and property owners.

Motley: We are hiring an extra ambulance from Richmond Rescue that will be stationed along the course and then back at Cochran's Ski Area. We will have dedicated ambulance service. Someone will be at Cochran's, or a phone number will be provided by Miles Lamberson of Richmond Rescue.

*Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved*

### **Review of Speed Studies for Hinesburg Rd. Huntington Rd. and Kenyon Rd.**

Arneson: We conducted a speed study about cars traveling too fast on those roads. The attachment provides details of recommendation of speed limit reduction. The speed limit reduction recommendations are:

-40 MPH for Hinesburg Rd between Huntington Rd and 0.5 miles South of Mansfield Way (currently at 45 MPH).

-Extend 40 MPH on Huntington Rd to 0.3 miles North of the Dugway Rd intersection (currently at 45 MPH)

Kenyon Rd did not receive any recommendations for a speed limit reduction. The Selectboard can act on the two speed limit reductions listed but not on Kenyon Rd.

Slocum: I live on 1492 Kenyon Rd which is the big red barn beside the road. I noticed during the course of the speed study, there were 16 cars traveling in excess of 70 MPH. I am looking at the pedestrian traffic reports it as 10 pedestrians for every 3-hour period. Do cyclists count as pedestrian traffic? The cyclists have exploded in the last 28 years. I have concerns about cyclists and cars going the suggested speed limit. I have another question about the 25 MPH signs disappearing by the new driveway. It used to be 25 MPH in front of my house, those signs disappeared, then changed to 35 MPH. Does the road commission have an answer for the missing signs or change of speed limit by my house?

Sander: I am not aware of the signs missing and I will follow up on that issue. Richmond Police have been supervising part of Kenyon Rd using my driveway. The road is a shortcut to Hinesburg and many people use it at excessive speeds or to dispose of garbage. I will follow up with Highway on the signage.

Slocum: Does the Town have a plan for Kenyon Rd? Is it looking for expansion between Richmond and Hinesburg? Is it looking to route traffic out of Richmond Village?

Forward: What is the process for speed limits? Does the Selectboard change the speed limits?

Arneson: In order to change the speed limit in an ordinance then you need an engineer's speed study first. Without a recommendation from the speed study, we are not able to enforce a speed limit change. With a recommendation, there would be an option to change the limit. It would require more research to find out if the Selectboard did actually approve of the previous change in front of Mr. Slocum's property on Kenyon Rd.

Forward: I noticed they put the data loggers on stretch from Huntington Rd to Fays Corner. I would guess my portion of Hinesburg and Kenyon Rd gets a lot of different traffic than that. I wonder about recommendations for changing speed limits. What happens if we have a different opinion from the speed student recommendations.

Arneson: The Selectboard can follow up to ask if the speed study report was based on factors we identify. We can request another report to address the factors we identified or how they considered those factors in the previous report.

Forward: I want to provide feedback for the study. I observed that the speed limit from Hinesburg (35 MPH) to Richmond (45 MPH) changes. The road is not substantially different. Also true of other roads into Richmond like Jericho and Huntington Rds. Why have we made these decisions in the past? Why do other Towns have lower speed limits?

Hill: The Agency of Transportation sees it as public roads and they give us money to help maintain roads. It is worth a conversation with the Regional Planning Commission about the speed limit. We also include the Police Departments opinions. They confirm we can set the speed limit, but we cannot enforce it without a recommendation. A lot of these roads were built for different types of traffic.

Slocum: How does the study not mention the pinch point on the road by the barn? They list other hazards on Kenyon Rd. It really is a dangerous spot especially with two cars going at current 35 MPH speed limit.

**Consideration of setting a hearing date for amendments to the Municipal Park Ordinance**

Arneson: The packet includes a draft update of Municipal Park Ordinance. The changes to the ordinance are mostly to parking and park use of Volunteers Green. Parking is an issue and Police are unable to enforce due to lack of clarification in the current Ordinance. The Town Administration Offices will coordinate the Park Use forms and approval. The attorney also provided some suggestions to the Ordinance. Here are some of the key highlights of the Municipal Park Ordinance changes

- Designated parking locations at Volunteers Green and Browns Court
- Updated maps to signify parking locations
- Transferred authority to approve event or group use of parks from Richmond Recreation Committee to Town Administration Offices.
- Prohibited firearms from being discharged at parks
- Prohibited use of fire
- Clarified authorized emergency vehicle access
- Prohibited sale of cannabis in line with sale of alcohol
- Changed descriptions for public park availability (April 1 through October 31: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. dawn to dusk; November 1 through March 31: 9 a.m. dawn to 6 p.m., with the exception of the skating rink. When operational, the skating rink hours will be from dawn to 10 p.m.)

*Heston moved to set March 21, 2022, at 7 p.m. as a public hearing for amendments to the Municipal Park Ordinance. Hill seconded.*

*Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved*

### **Consideration of setting a hearing date for amendments to the Traffic Ordinance**

Sander: We touched on some of this during the speed study discussion. The Traffic Ordinance also separates out parking into two sections. Section 6a focuses on parking on roads. Section 6b focuses on parking at municipal lots and Town parks. We no longer have snow removal zones. It outlines parking on Volunteers Green, Browns Court, ball fields, and Overrockers. It allows for 24-hour parking area near Bridge St and Volunteers Green (subject to winter parking ban). Parking at Browns Ct is only allowed when the park is open. It also lists speed limit changes as provided by the speed study previously discussed.

*Heston moved to set March 21, 2022, at 7 p.m. as a public hearing for the amendments to the Traffic Ordinance. Hill seconded.*

*Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved*

### **Consideration of setting a hearing date for the FY23 Capital Plan**

Arneson: We reviewed the FY23 Capital Plan at the last meeting. We changed some of the wording about taking loans in the future. Finance Director, Connie Bona, changed the intent of the plan to not take out future loans for equipment rather than an actual promise. The plan is to not take loans in the future past 5 years. The edited Capital Plan only includes projections for 5 years where the original showed it out to 15 years. In other words, she just identified the equipment needs for the next five years. This Capital Plan FY23 is up for consideration. This hearing date would be on April 4. This is the earliest we could set for a Capital Plan hearing at this point.

*Furr moved to set April 4, 2022, at 7 p.m. as a public hearing for the FY23 Capital Plan. Hill seconded*

*Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander, in favor. Motion approved*

### **Consideration of setting a date for a public hearing to consider adoption or the repeal of a rule requiring the wearing of face coverings indoors in public spaces**

Sander: The rule that was passed at the February 22 meeting is in place from March 6 thru April 4. A hearing could be held on March 21 to consider extending the rule through the end of April or to repeal the rule. If the rule is repealed it could end immediately or it could or after it expires on April 5.

*Heston moved to set March 21, 2022, at 7 p.m. as a public hearing to consider adoption or the repeal of a rule requiring the wearing of face coverings indoors in public spaces. Furr seconded*

*Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved*

### **Consideration of approval of using Town Center Funds to hire a carpenter for exploratory work related to installation of automatic doors at the Town Center and Library**

Sander: Jay Labare has been working on the plans for installing automatic doors at the Town Center and Library. He would like to hire a carpenter to open up some area around the Town Center doors to see where the actuator for the automatic doors could be attached. This money would come out of Town Center funds. The Town Center and Library Committee approves of this expense.

*Heston moved to approve of using up to \$500 of Town Center Funds to hire a carpenter for exploratory work related to installation of automatic doors at the Town Center and Library. Furr seconded*

*Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved*

### **Review of easement request from VTrans for construction of bridge on Rt. 2 near the Richmond Fire Department**

Arneson: This is not the Rt. 2 paving project but VTrans is looking to replace the bridge over the interstate. If you are traveling east on Rt. 2 out of the village, on the left VTrans will create a new bridge and then demolish the current bridge. According to Highway Foreman, Pete Gosselin, there was a plan to divert traffic down Cochran Rd and just reconstruct the current bridge. This would be unbearable for Cochran Rd so that shifting the road/bridge is a better option. VTrans would require an easement from the Town as it shifts on to the current Fire Department property. They put a valuation of \$5,700 to be paid to Town of Richmond for temporary easement and permit. I think we can take a look at the pricing and have an engineer also look at the plans. We should also check with Planning & Zoning to see what that does for future development especially if we want to move Fire Department in the future. We also might want to write back to VTrans about requesting a larger meeting to combine the topics of the Rt. 2 bridge replacement and paving projects.

Hill: We once discussed a new police station. There were some benefits to use the current space as both Fire and Police station. A modestly sized building would fit to the right of the current Fire Station. I would be hesitant to give that space up if we might want to use it, either by selling it or by using it for Town services. We should combine our meetings with VTrans about the paving and bridge replacement projects.

Sander: The value of the remaining parcel at the current Fire Station would also suffer with that proposed change.

Heston: I agree with Bard. I don't think we have enough information to decide. It would be helpful to have an engineer to give us more information. Maybe we meet at the Fire Station and ask questions about other alternatives. The document we were given also makes that suggestion. We need more information before we move forward.

Sander: That makes sense and I agree.

Furr: I agree they are offering us a really low price. We need a lot more information and we should meet at the Fire Station to point to identify possible options.

Heston: It looks like the driveway of the Fire Station is impacted. What does this mean for Fire protection while this is under construction?

Sander: The driveway at the Fire Station is already not ideal. There are times when they cannot get trucks back into the garage due to the slope of the driveway.

Furr: The easement illustrates not only where the equipment will be staged during construction but also the placement for the footings of the new bridge. Is that correct?

Sander: Yes. The alignment of the new bridge would be on the Fire Station side of Rt. 2.

Furr: I do not see how that leftover piece of land will have any value to it. I do not want the Fire Station to be blocked especially if they are heading east on Rt. 2. There are many parts of this plan that make me skittish.

West: There is value to not closing down Rt. 2 for a year and pound the heck out of Kenyon Rd. It is my understanding is that parcel was given to us by the State when the interstate was constructed.

Sander: I think it was around 1970 when the Town was sold or given that piece of land.

Hill: Let's be clear on our next steps. We previously sent a letter about a meeting for the paving of Rt. 2. The Selectboard and residents see the continuity of Rt 2 but VTrans might not recognize the impacts of both projects. We should combine the topics for a meeting with VTrans.

Forward: It is hard for the Fire Trucks to get in and out of the current driveway. The driveway is short and steep. It is so steep they have to hit the driveway at an angle to get in or out. There was some thought that when the State dealt with the bridge, we could change the layout of the driveway. The property does have value to us. If we keep the Fire Department there, then at least try to get VTrans to help re-grade the driveway.

Arneson: The last time we spoke with VTrans was a letter from Selectboard Chair Werneke to the Secretary of Transportation, VTrans, Town staff, and local legislative representatives to discuss the paving project. Do we want to do a follow up letter and request a response to the original letter and to include the discussion of the easement? That letter would be drafted and sent with June listed as the Selectboard Chair. Or do you want me to just follow up with Eric Furs (Right of Way Agent IV) who sent the easement request via VTrans letter? Or we can do both?

Hill: We should send another letter and add this item to suggest we schedule one meeting rather than two.

Heston: Yes, I agree we should consider both projects at on meeting.

Arneson: I will get a draft letter over to June. Should we also run the plans by an engineer like Tyler Billingsley? It could be helpful information.

Heston: We do not know the correct questions to ask, and an engineer would help us out.

Sander: I am concerned about both the slope of driveway and moving the traffic or Rt. 2 closer to the Fire Station. An engineer's perspective on the slope and the smaller space would be money well spent.

Hill: If we were to build the Fire Station today it would probably be at a different elevation and size. What can we do to make the Fire Station more functional? It is probably a logical time to investigate grading if we are digging up that section too.

### **Consideration of adjusting membership on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee**

Arneson: It is not advisable to have more than 2 Selectboard members on any Town Committee. Currently, ARPA has 3 Selectboard members due to Jeff Forward's election. Jeff was previously an appointed member of ARPA as a Resident Seat. One of the Selectboard members could step down from the ARPA Committee. We can then re-advertise the position for a Richmond resident to fill that vacated position.

Heston: I am willing to step down especially since I am serving as Selectboard Chair.

### **Discussion of training with the Williston Community Justice Center**

Arneson: Williston Community Justice Center presented to Selectboard a few weeks or a months ago. This is to setup training for board members, staff, police. We wanted to avoid a quorum of Selectboard members, so we didn't have to warn for an Open Meeting. The question came back as why not make it an Open Meeting or with a quorum. VLCT says all Selectboard members are allowed to get training that is not directly related to a decision regardless of a quorum. Conversely, all members could also receive training inside of an Open Session. The Williston Community Justice Center is fine to conduct training in an Open Meeting. We also have some Diversity and Inclusion training to setup. The first training is already scheduled for this week. We can cancel that one and reschedule for a full Selectboard training date.

Heston: Could we get all 5 of us together at the same time for a training? It might be a moot point if we aren't able to find the same time. Having an Open Meeting is not a bad idea as others could get the same training. I am fine either way.

Hill: It would be better for transparency and accountability to have an Open Public Meeting. We could talk openly about how this training might inform our Town business. We might not be able to schedule everyone, but I think we should pursue an Open Meeting.

Furr: The other benefit of an Open Meeting is it can be televised and rebroadcast for other community members. I would like the Town to know about what the Williston Community Justice Center can do for us. Setting it as a Public Meeting makes that information available.

Arneson: Should I reach out the cancel the upcoming training date? There are currently 2 people on March 9, 2 people of March 10, and 2 people on March 16.

Sander: If we cannot find a time to meet altogether, I suggest we proceed as it is currently booked.

Forward: Yes, let's cancel what we have and try to coordinate with all of us. There is real value in all of us taking it at the same time. A conversation directly afterwards would be most valuable.

Heston: Can we find one of the days that is already on the calendar? Does March 16 from 10 am – 12 pm work for other members?

Furr: Is it possible to do an evening date to make it accessible to the public.

Sander: Do we need a week's notice for this Open Meeting.

Arneson: It is 48 hours for a regular meeting, and it is 24 hours for a special meeting. We have plenty of time and could even do the March 9<sup>th</sup> date.

Furr: If we could have an evening Open Meeting it would increase public participation.

Hill: How about we table this to the end of the meeting to decide?

Sander: Yes, I think we are ready to move on.

Tabled discussion after Executive Session...

Arneson: We are looking for a 7-9 p.m. evening in the next couple of weeks. I will check with Williston Community Justice Center and get back to all via email on possible dates for an evening training

### **Discussion of placement of a sign in the village reminding drivers not to text while driving**

Sander: I did some ride along with Police, Fire, Highway, Water/Sewer to understand my management responsibilities better. I recommend it to all Selectboard members. Jay was riding with the Police Department and had some thoughts about putting up a sign reminding drivers not to text while driving.

Furr: Officer Dengler & I agree how annoying and dangerous for people to be texting while driving. I get the impression that for every person they are able to stop that infraction there are 3-4 that are not stopped or even spotted. Not many people know that the fine has gone up. I think a sign should communicate the points and fines associated with a first, second, third offense. If this changes the behavior of 10% of the driving and texting population then it is worth it.

Sander: In my ride-along, I was amazed at people who were pulled over for texting and driving didn't even see the Police car as they flew past. It is a real problem.

Hill: It is rampant, and it might not be a huge investment to make. If a sign changes a few people, then it is worth trying.

Houle: I do not think a sign is going to help at all. I have no idea how a sign will change the behavior when they already aren't paying attention to the road. I think there are too many signs up already. We need something more obvious.

Sander: It would be great if Jay could meet with the Police Department and Highway to investigate possible signs and locations.

Furr: Location is important as there shouldn't be other distractions. I was thinking Kenyon Rd might be one of those places where it might get seen. Or we could move the sign around to help promote visibility and awareness. I will talk to Police and Highway.

Heston: Texting is a problem, but I agree with Mary that I do not think a sign is going to help. I have stopped bicycling because of the texting and excessive speeds on the roads. People do not pay attention to the speed limit. I would be interested if it were something we could move around. I do not think a stationary sign would be effective.

### **Approval of Minutes Warrants and Purchase Orders:**

#### Minutes

*Furr moved to approve the minutes of 2/22/2022 as written. Hill seconded  
Roll Call Vote: Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Forward abstain. Motion approved.*

*Furr moved to approve the minutes of the 2/28/2022 as written. Hill seconded  
Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Forward abstain. Motion approved*

#### Warrants

Heston: I have questions about the payroll invoice for NEPBA. I am hoping someone can explain the notes. The invoice says we owe for 2 then the notes say we owe for 3.

Arneson: An officer was on leave, and it probably hasn't caught up yet with NEPBA.

Heston: When a note is written it is helpful to know why. My next question is on Stantec in the general invoices. The invoice date is November and December. Why is there a delay in payment?

Arneson: I can double check, but we pay back a portion of the amount based on a grant.

Heston: We are buying things at Staples and paying tax. We can avoid that by giving our Staples account or phone number.

Furr: I have a question about the Warrant Payroll AP and the Invoices Payroll AP the EYEMED amounts do not match.

Arneson: Since we have two pay periods per month, we pay half in the first pay period.

Houle: I appreciate the scrutiny everyone is doing for the warrants. If these questions are asked earlier that helps with getting the information out and not putting Josh on the spot. Finance can help get those answers out beforehand.

Heston: Josh and Connie offer that, but I rarely get to that until Monday. It is good reminder to look at it before the day of the meeting.

Furr: I spend my weekends going over these asking myself "what would June say." I always try to find one that June doesn't catch.

*Hill moved to approve Warrants as presented. Forward seconded  
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved*

Purchase Orders

Sander: There are no Purchase Orders

**Discuss Items for Next Agenda**

- \_3 Public Hearings
- \_Speed limit signs on Kenyon Rd
- \_Information on texting and driving awareness sign
- \_Tabled Scheduled Trainings
- \_In Person Meetings or Hybrid Option

Arneson: We can notify in the next warning of being in-person while still offering hybrid or Zoom option.

Hill: The Water & Sewer Commission discussed we would move to in-person meetings while also keeping hybrid options. Members are encouraged to join in-person but understandable if only able to join through Zoom.

Sander: The Water & Sewer Commission decided to go back to the hybrid option.

Forward: The Zoom meetings increase public involvement, but it is also important to be present in person to see their elected officials. Could we as a group agree to a minimum of us being in-person and maybe rotate.

Sander: I am fine being in-person if I am wearing my mask.

Furr: I would be happy in-person as I value the personal interaction. I like how hybrid options improve availability for comments.

Heston: I like being in person.

Sander: Sounds like it is a consensus to go back to hybrid meetings.

**Executive Session: Legal Matter**

*Heston moved to find that premature general public knowledge of the Selectboard's discussion of a pending civil litigation or prosecution to which the public body is a party, would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage.  
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved*

Houle: Can we get any more clarification on this Legal Matter requiring Executive Session?

Arneson: There is a lawsuit being brought against the Town and we will be attending the hearing in April.

*Furr move to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter under the provisions of 1 VSA 313(a)(1) of the Vermont State Statutes and to invite the Town Manager, Josh Arneson into the executive session. Heston seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved*

*Heston moved to exit out of Executive Session. Furr seconded.*

*Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved*

**Adjournment**

*Heston moved to adjourn. Forward seconded.*

*Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved*

**Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm**

**Chat file from Zoom:** None