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Members Present: Chris Granda; Bard Hill; Ashley Lucht; David Sander; Taylor Yeates  
 Absent: None  
 Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Linda Parent, Town Clerk; Mary Houle; Ernie Buford; Amy Demetrowicz; Peter Swaine; Jess Biggio; Neil Preston; Richard First; Jon Hughn; Shelley Hughn; Jeremy Hoff; Ann Cousins; Cindy Cole; Fred Echman; Michael Leugers and Ruth Miller was present to videotape the meeting for MMCTV Channel 15.

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Ashley Lucht called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**1. Welcome and Public Comment**

Ms.Lucht asked if there was any comment from the public for items not on the agenda but there was none.

**2. Reorganization**

Nominations for Selectboard Chair

Ms. Lucht nominated Chris Granda for Chair, and was seconded by Mr. Sander. Mr. Granda said this would be his fifth and final year on the Selectboard, and although the chair shouldn't be inflicted upon the freshman members, he would serve if he was not on the Water Commission.

Mr. Sander said he did not have the experience or time to serve as Chair, and Mr. Hill said the same was true for himself.

Mr. Yeates said he did have the time to commit to the Chair but not the Water Commission.

Ms. Lucht said she had no interest in serving as Selectboard chair.

Mr. Sander said he was not opposed to serving on the Water Commission.

The Manager asked if there were any other nominations. Mr. Hill nominated Taylor Yeates for Chair, and was seconded by Mr. Granda.

There being no further nominations, the vote was called.

For Mr. Granda, the vote failed at 2-2-1 with Ms. Lucht and Mr. Sander voting in favor, and Mr. Granda and Mr. Yeates voting against, with Mr. Hill abstaining.

For Mr. Yeates, the motion carried 2-1-2 with Ms. Lucht voting against and Mr. Sander and Mr. Hill abstaining. There was some discussion. The Manager believed the vote carried in favor of the motion, even though less than a majority voted in favor. Some members of the Selectboard disagreed. By consensus, the Selectboard agreed to new nominations for Chair.

1 Mr. Hill nominated Taylor Yeates for Chair and was seconded by Mr. Granda. There being no further  
2 nominations, the vote was called. The nomination carried 4-1 with Ms. Lucht voting against.

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4 **Nominations for Vice-Chair**

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6 Mr. Granda nominated himself for Vice Chair and was seconded by Mr. Hill. There being no further  
7 nominations, the vote was called. The nomination carried 5-0.

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9 **Administrative Appointments**

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11 Mr. Granda offered a motion to appoint the Manager, Geoffrey Urbanik, to serve as Board Secretary  
12 and was seconded by Mr. Sander. The motion carried 5-0.

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14 Mr. Hill offered a motion to appoint as official newspapers, the Burlington Free Press and the Times  
15 Ink! and was seconded by Ms. Lucht. The motion carried 5-0.

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17 Board liaisons were discussed, and agreed to as follows:

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19 Administration = Taylor Yeates  
20 Fire Department = Taylor Yeates  
21 Library = David Sander  
22 Town Clerk = Ashley Lucht  
23 State Legislature = Bard Hill  
24 Planning Commission = Chris Granda  
25 Richmond Trails = Ashley Lucht  
26 Economic Development Committee = Ashley Lucht  
27 Energy Committee = Chris Granda  
28 Finance = Taylor Yeates  
29 Highway = David Sander  
30 Water Resources = Bard Hill  
31 Police = Bard Hill  
32 Delinquent Tax Collector = Ashley Lucht  
33 WSBA = Ashley Lucht  
34 DRB = David Sander  
35 Recreation Committee = Bard Hill  
36 Police Advisory Committee = David Sander

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38 Ms. Lucht offered a motion to appoint Mark Sperry, of Langrock, Sperry and Wool, as Town Attorney  
39 and was seconded by Mr. Hill.

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41 Mr. Granda said that the town certainly has need of a town attorney and he had no experience with any  
42 except Mr. Sperry. However, there needed to be some criteria to assess the performance of the Town  
43 Attorney. He felt that in certain instances where Mr. Sperry was asked for a legal opinion, it had  
44 changed over time.

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46 Mary Houle appreciated that Mr. Granda had said that, and believes that Mr. Sperry had reversed two  
47 of his opinions. What did he charge per hour? It could also be expensive to switch.

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49 **3. Discussion of Items with Those Present**

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1 Conservation Commission Request: Richmond Congregational Church

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6 **4. Other Business**

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8 Revision to Section

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11 Warrants

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13 The warrants were approved and signed.

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15 **5. Adjourn**

16 Motion by Mr. Granda to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hill. So voted.