

**RICHMOND WATER AND SEWER
COMMISSION MEETING
December 29, 2015 MINUTES**

Members Present: Bard Hill, Chair; David Sander, Vice Chair; Bruce Bailey

Members Absent: Lincoln Bressor; Robert Fischer

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Kendall Chamberlin, Water Resources; David Sunshine, representing Mark and Donna Saks; Mark and Donna Saks; and the meeting was not recorded.

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Welcome and Public Comment

Mr. Hill asked if there was any public comment.

David Sunshine commented that the new “stone” wall at the water storage tank looked nice.

Browns Court Sewer Line

Mr. Sunshine introduced himself and his clients, Mark and Donna Saks. He was taken aback by the tone of the Town Manager’s letter to them regarding compliance with the ordinance to connect their basement bathroom. He felt that the penalties were too severe, and explained his written response. There was significant discussion. Mr. Sunshine said that they had a contractor that could start the week of January 4th. His clients were hesitant to begin if facing over \$120,000 in fines.

Mr. Hill said the question for the board was should we enforce the fines, or not? He noted that all three board members here tonight would have to agree on how to proceed.

After significant discussion, Mr. Sander offered a motion to authorize the Manager to sign an agreement to connect to the public sewer, with fines waived if within a reasonable time frame and properly done with a full disconnection and disabling of the existing septic system. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. Mr. Chamberlin called for a specific completion date.

Mr. Sunshine said he would construct an agreement and circulate it for signature.

The vote carried 3-0.

Adjourn

Mr. Sander offered a motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm and was seconded by Mr. Bailey. So voted.