

**RICHMOND WATER AND SEWER  
COMMISSION MEETING  
September 8, 2015 MINUTES**

Members Present: Bard Hill, Chair; David Sander; Lincoln Bressor; Bruce Bailey; Robert Fischer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Kendall Chamberlin, Water Resources; Alan Huizenga, Green Mountain Engineering; Chris Fischer; Sheila Bailey; Maureen Kangley; Christy Witters; Bruce LaBounty; Cara LaBounty; and Ruth Miller was present from MMCTV to tape the meeting.

Mr. Hill called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Welcome and Public Comment**

Mr. Hill asked if there was any public comment, but there was none.

**Water Storage Tank Update**

The Manager noted that Alan Huizenga of Green Mountain Engineering was present to discuss progress on the Water Storage Tank.

Mr. Huizenga reported that the base slab was being poured in sections. Pours had to be five days apart. The back wall is also being formed and all testing on compaction and concrete had been coming back acceptable. He said based on approved pay requests, \$387,000 had been completed out of \$1.4 million.

Mr. Huizenga had prepared some slides on colors of the tank, which the board reviewed. The board concluded that if the color additive cost more than \$500, then they would stick with the primary color. If the color additive was less then they would use it in the Yosemite Brown.

Christy Witters asked when the tank would be up and running. Mr. Hill said it would be in service in December. Ms. Witters was concerned about pressure valves and said she had a quote to install one that was over \$800. There was some discussion and Mr. Chamberlin said the valve and labor shouldn't cost more than \$200 for this. He said the valve itself was only between \$50 and \$80.

There was discussion about notification, and an insert had been included in the July billing. The board wanted to see an additional notice go out before the next billing, with suggested plumbers and costs.

Mr. Huizenga had also prepared some time photos of the tank construction for the board to look at while reviewing other business.

**East Main Street**

The Manager reported that the only business on East Main was to approve the State Revolving Loan Fund application, and request that the Selectboard do the same at their meeting. The application was for the \$1,200,000 indebtedness authorized by the voters in July.

Mr. Sander offered a motion to approve the State Revolving Loan Fund application for \$1,200,000 for East Main Street water lines and was seconded by Mr. Bailey and the motion carried 5-0.

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2 West Main Street  
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4 There was considerable discussion on the income survey. The Manager reported he had spoken  
5 with the survey contractor, Tom Clark, who said he had received about forty surveys in total. There  
6 had been a printing error for the second mailing of the survey, and those had been identified and  
7 would be re-sent a new survey. There were discussions on how to improve the total returns, and if a  
8 new deadline should be allowed, and the board considered a new report for September 21<sup>st</sup>.  
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10 Bruce LaBounty said he didn't like this surveyor and we should have hired someone who can get the  
11 job done.  
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13 Cara LaBounty echoed Mr. LaBounty's statements. She asked if he had done his return requirement  
14 calculation based on including vacant homes or lots. She has put time, effort, energy into this and we  
15 shouldn't scrap the project now.  
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17 Mr. Huizenga said that Mr. Clark has done this dozens of times, and he said he had gone door to  
18 door here. Its been difficult to get returns here.  
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20 After more discussion, Mr. Hill said he wasn't happy and wanted to know what Mr. Clark can do to go  
21 above and beyond.  
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23 Mr. Bailey asked if we've heard from Peter Brown, the park's owner? Ms. LaBounty said yes, Mr.  
24 Brown had spoken to her and was also unhappy with how the survey was being done. Mr. Bailey  
25 asked if he was still on board with this project, and Ms. LaBounty said yes. Mr. Bailey said he wanted  
26 to see more from him.  
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28 The board agreed to extend the survey return deadline until September 18<sup>th</sup>.  
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30 Superintendent's Report  
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32 Mr. Chamberlin reported that the brewery had received its wastewater permit from the State and had  
33 opened for tastings last weekend. Septage was still going strong and he believed it would likely  
34 continue for a while. There were discussions on the new EPA phosphorus limits. We were currently  
35 at .8 mg/l and would drop to .2 mg/l, where we had been consistently running below .2. If the brewery  
36 caused fluctuations Mr. Chamberlin said he would try and adjust, but there were some alternatives  
37 such as adding a blower to expand treatment capacity or using different filter fabric, or voluntarily  
38 cutting the capacity of the plant to achieve a higher regulatory limit.  
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40 Next Agenda  
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42 The board agreed that the next agenda should include reports on the three large projects: Water  
43 Storage Tank, East Main and West Main; an update on the income survey; the allocation ordinance;  
44 approval of minutes, warrants and financial records in addition to the Superintendent's report.  
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46 Adjourn  
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48 Mr. Sander offered a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm and was seconded by Mr. Bressor. So voted.