

**R I C H M O N D S E L E C T B O A R D
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Members Present: David Sander; Ellen Kane; Bard Hill; Lincoln Bressor;
Absent: Taylor Yeates

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Mary Houle; Ian Bender; Chris Granda; Erin Wagg; Bruce LaBounty; Cara LaBounty and Ruth Miller was present to videotape the meeting for MMCTV Channel 15.

David Sander called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Welcome and Public Comment

Mr. Sander asked to add a change order for the Hinesburg Road culvert project to item III d, and the Selectboard agreed.

Mr. Sander then mentioned that Brandon Cousino, a Richmond resident and volunteer with Richmond Rescue, tragically lost his life in an accident on the interstate last week.

Mr. Sander asked for comments from the public.

Mary Houle congratulated the town on its disaster declaration, but asked why Dugway Road didn't get the same scrutiny as Greystone Drive? Dugway has a steeper grade but throwing in stones is the only fix.

Cara LaBounty thanked the Selectboard for bringing the public's attention to the river float (Float a palooza). She thanked the event's organizer, Mike Trimboli, for working so hard to organize the event. She said about 250 paid to attend but there were maybe 60 more who attended without registering. She thanked John Cohn and Darin Pratt, and others.

2. Items for Presentation with Those Present

Use of Cochran Road Property

Chris Granda was present to suggest some ideas to organize use of the property on Cochran Road that had been purchased by the town under the hazard mitigation program. Mr. Granda said that previously he had spoken to Meghan Giroux about using this as a community garden but he wanted to hold two public input sessions to see what the community had to say.

Ms. Kane asked if we would piggy back this on the town planning process, and Mr. Granda said he wasn't sure if we should do that. Ms. Kane asked how the meetings would be facilitated and Mr. Granda said he would do so but he more thought this was first a way to let people dream out loud than come up with a final, agreed upon use. There was some additional discussion, and discussion on the deeded limits of the parcel as well as flood plain restrictions.

Cara LaBounty said that the Selectboard should see what other needs there were, or partner with the Town Plan process. She said not to figure out what to "stick" there but see what people want, and a suggestion of a September 3rd discussion was premature.

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2 The Manager noted that August 19th was a Town Plan Steering Committee and Planning Commission
3 session. Mr. Granda said he would consider other dates for his forums.
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5 Mary Houle asked how much the town got for rent from Chittenden Solid Waste District, and the
6 Manager said \$1.00 per year. Ms. Houle suggested that other uses for that property could also be
7 explored.
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9 **3. Other Business**

10 Revisions to Traffic Ordinance

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12 The Manager explained that he had reviewed the village streets, and corrected the list of proposed
13 speed limits. The speed limits could not be set lower than 25 miles per hour, by state law. The
14 parking on Dugway Road was eliminated from this version of the ordinance. One other change was
15 amending the speed limits on West Main to eliminate the 50 mph zone. Mr. Bressor noted that “Mann
16 and Machine” was no longer there. The Manager would update this by address then.
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19 There was some discussion about speed limits and some roads. Cara LaBounty asked if Jones Mill
20 Road was in this or other ordinances, and the Manager said he did not know. The Selectboard asked
21 for a review of all public roads to see how they were listed in the Traffic Ordinance for speed limits,
22 and move the item to August 17th.
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24 Capital Plan – First Look

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26 The Manager explained that he had included the narrative from the current Capital Plan, but updated
27 the dates on the front sheet. All of the projects and years remained the same, but now was the time to
28 suggest changes. Department Heads would be coming to the Selectboard shortly with requests but the
29 board should keep its priorities in mind.
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31 Bruce LaBounty mentioned that there was an open request from the Planning Commission to study the
32 future of emergency services, including whether or not a new building was necessary. The Manager
33 said that Mr. Yeates was organizing a meeting for Wednesday. Mr. LaBounty suggested we reach out
34 to Jericho regarding their police services and see if they would be willing to talk about coverage with
35 Richmond. It was also suggested that we contact the regional planning commission to see if they
36 know of any options for new emergency services buildings.
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38 Mr. Bressor asked about the Library. The Manager said the subcommittee had met once, and the
39 Library had received a written report on an inspection of the roof and general structure. The roof was
40 not in immanent danger of failure but we had 5-10 years to think of how to replace it. Over the
41 summer the committee has taken a break but would come back shortly.
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43 Reports from Selectboard and Town Manager

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45 The Manager noted the Police Report, and updated the Selectboard on the River Float event. The
46 Manager thanked the LaBountys for helping Mr. Trimboli provide basic organization for parking and
47 sanitation and he had heard of no complaints about the event. The Manager reported that the
48 Huntington Road culvert project was complete, the Town Plan was proceeding and the surveys were
49 complete. There would be a meeting this week to review the responses. The Manager also noted a
50 letter from Beebe Lane residents. Beebe Lane was the access for the Lake Iroquois beach and a

1 number of private camps. Evidently, the recreation district asked residents to help pitch in for access
2 maintenance but they were refusing to do so.

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4 The Manager also reported that he and Ms. Kane would be meeting with folks from Peak Properties,
5 LLC, the prospective buyers of the creamery and would have an update for the next meeting. The
6 Manager finally reported that FEMA did in fact declare a disaster (with the President) for the June 9th
7 flooding. This meant the town would be up to 75% of eligible expenses returned, however, the
8 significant projects would likely have a longer duration of completion. The Manager finally reported
9 that the Green Mountain Power solar project application had been filed and a copy was on file in the
10 Planning and Zoning office.

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12 Cara LaBounty said that the town was spending \$17,000 on engineering for Greystone Drive, but
13 nothing for Dugway Road but we should be. Two culverts needed to be replaced. It wasn't an easy
14 decision on how the road needs to be built back, or if we needed guardrails, and other concerns.

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16 Bruce LaBounty said it wasn't a matter of FEMA approval or not, the road needed more attention.
17 Even if we're not paid to, we need to do something.

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19 Ian Bender agreed, but asked if we didn't have FEMA monies to do this, where would those monies
20 come from? There was additional discussion, but no conclusion. The Manager said he would visit
21 Dugway with the FEMA representative and see if more should be done, and what the likelihood of
22 FEMA reimbursement be.

23 24 Appointment to the Richmond Economic Development Committee

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26 The Manager reported that in early July the Selectboard requested that the vacancy in the REDC be
27 posted for two weeks, but no appointments made for thirty days. That had been done, and no further
28 interest was shown but Mr. Morgan Wolaver was still interested. Mr. Bressor offered a motion to
29 appoint Morgan Wolaver to the Richmond Economic Development Committee and was seconded by
30 Mr. Hill and the motion carried 4-0.

31 32 Approval of Minutes

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34 Ms. Kane offered a motion to approve the minutes of July 20, 2015 as amended and was seconded by
35 Mr. Hill. The motion carried 4-0.

36 37 Work in Right of Way Permit #15-076

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39 The Manager explained that this permit was for the access for the future Sylvan Knoll road off of
40 Kenyon Road. Mr. Hill offered a motion to approve Work in the Right of Way permit #15-076 for
41 Sylvan Knoll, and was seconded by Ms. Kane. The motion carried 4-0.

42 43 Purchase Orders/Change Order

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45 The Manager explained that at the Huntington Road culver project, the guardrails required
46 replacement up to the new state highway standard, causing an overage from the original contract
47 amount. The change order was for John Scott Excavating for \$6,466.65. Mr. Hill offered a motion to
48 approve the change order for guardrails to John Scott Excavating for \$5,466.65.

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1 Cara LaBounty asked if guardrail height on some of the reworked gravel roads was up to code. There
2 was some discussion about the guardrails being too low after the additional gravel. The Manager said
3 that this did need to be examined.

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5 Approval of Warrants

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7 The warrants were reviewed and approved.

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9 Mr. Sander noted that he had not received written comments on the Manager's evaluation and was
10 waiting to hold the executive session discussion.

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12 **4. Adjourn**

13 Motion by Ms. Kane to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hill. So voted.