

**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; Lincoln Bressor; Taylor Yeates

Absent: Bard Hill

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager; Ezra Hall; Earl Wester; Jim Prevo; Diane Prevo; Cara LaBounty; Bruce LaBounty; Jeff Forward; Chris Granda; Erik Sandblom and Steve Diglio of KAS; Mary Houle; 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 if there were any comments from the public.

Ms. Kane clarified a rumor that was circulating that the Kitchen Table Bistro was closing and the owners may be having personal trouble, however, that was not the case. She said that both the Kitchen Table and Parkside Kitchen were open and doing well, and the owners were in great shape. She said that we should all support Richmond’s businesses and these two restaurants in particular were open for business.

2. Items for Presentation with Those Present

Greystone Drive

The Manager explained that KAS Consulting had been engaged to design a repair to Greystone Drive, which was heavily damaged in one section by flooding on June 9th. This had been a declared disaster, and the town was eligible for FEMA funding on this project. Present this evening were Erik Sandblom and Steve Diglio to explain their findings and approach to a solution.

Mr. Sandblom explained that they wanted to consider alternatives on a whole situation approach, not just a road repair. The storm water flow through this area could be significant and without adequate preparation the road would continue to be vulnerable. FEMA partially recognized this, and Steve Diglio had prepared a slide presentation to explain the site and their two alternatives.

Mr. Diglio explained that there were two options they were examining. One option would perform most of the work within the existing right-of-way for Greystone Drive, creating an expensive and complex retaining wall, and the second would have more work outside of the right of way but was less complicated and less expensive. The first option would cost around \$260,000, however with \$181,000 plus contingency being eligible for FEMA reimbursement. The second option would cost around \$97,000, but only about \$29,000 being eligible for FEMA. In both scenarios, the FEMA-ineligible portion of the project was around \$70,000.

Following the presentation, there were questions and answers. Ezra Hall, a Greystone association member, said they had just removed 1,000 cubic yards of sediment from the siltation pond below the slide, and unless the slope was stabilized, additional sediment would fall back in. Nothing had been

1 done so far to prevent this, and the removal had cost \$40,000. Mr. Diglio recognized this and said he
2 believed that there was time to bid, award, and construct in this season, before the middle of
3 December. He also felt that the pipe and headwall across the Wester property was the same project
4 and cost for both projects. This could be done, at least, earlier than other work if the Selectboard
5 chose to proceed.

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7 Mr. Yeates asked what was missing from these solutions. Mr. Diglio explained that some other
8 options hadn't been explored, such as curbing or other inlets. Mr. Diglio explained also that the first
9 option with the retaining wall, was not more robust than the reconstructed slope option.

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11 Earl Wester talked about the potential work on his property and what he had done already. The
12 neighborhood association had also spent around \$250,000 over the past ten years on improvements to
13 the development or to fix problems that have occurred. There was a discussion of easements, and the
14 Greystone residents were willing to provide construction and maintenance easements if this was
15 required.

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17 Bruce LaBounty asked about the inlets on the new structure on the Wester property. There were two,
18 about 24" wide at the top feeding a 36" culvert. Mr. LaBounty asked if these were reducing the pipe's
19 capacity and Mr. Diglio said they were because of the vertical orientation. Mr. LaBounty asked what
20 was spent on the other roads in town, and where the \$68,000 match would come from. There was
21 some discussion on this.

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23 The Selectboard was in favor of the least cost approach, despite the lesser amount of FEMA funding.

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25 Ms. Kane offered a motion to support of moving forward with the slope-stabilization alternative, with
26 upstream piping. Mr. Bressor seconded the motion, adding that the simplest approach should be the
27 choice.

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29 There was some discussion on the motion, which ultimately carried 3-1 with Mr. Yeates voting
30 against.

31 32 Net-Metered Solar RFP – Jeff Forward and Chris Granda

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34 Jeff Forward presented his recommendations for the net-metered solar RFP conducted by the town,
35 and earlier explained by Chris Granda. Mr. Forward said he felt that the Green Lantern Group
36 proposal best suited Richmond's needs, and the town's trend was towards less energy and not more.
37 He felt that the Sun Edison proposal was too great of a commitment for energy purchase and the town
38 could risk paying for electricity it did not use.

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40 Mr. Bressor offered a motion to accept the Green Lantern Group proposal for net-metered solar project
41 and was seconded by Mr. Yeates. The motion carried 4-0.

42 43 Use of Cochran Road Property – Chris Granda

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45 Chris Granda was present to explain his results from the public outreach he conducted to see what
46 people preferred for use of the Cochran Road property acquired through the hazard mitigation buyout
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49 Following discussion, Mr. Granda said additional work was required before he could make a final
50 recommendation.

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2 **3. Other Business**

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4 Fy2017 Budget Sessions

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6 The Manager explained that the Selectboard should hold a budget session on Thursday, October 15th at
7 7:00 PM. Department Heads would present their budget requests and converse with the Selectboard.
8 Due to the late hour, little discussion was held on this topic, but the Selectboard did request that some
9 backup information be provided beforehand.

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11 Reports from Selectboard and Town Manager

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13 The Manager noted the Works in Progress and the Police Report.

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15 The Manager reported on the Busick land donation, and that there was a call to have the Conservation
16 Commission examine the site for possible ecological value. The Selectboard was generally in favor of
17 having the Conservation Commission explore this. The Manager reported that at the last meeting, he
18 and Cara LaBounty were to work to try and get this into the town's hands, and then sell to an adjoining
19 property. The Selectboard still wanted the Conservation Commission to examine this property, and
20 report.

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22 The Manager reported that the Resiliency workshop was scheduled for October 24th and there would
23 be a chili/pie cook off to draw people in.

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25 The Manager also reported that on September 28th the Selectboard approved the amendments to
26 Interim Zoning for Jolina Court, making the residential density 15 units per acre, from five, and
27 changing the commercial/residential ratio to 60%/40%.

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29 The Manager also reported that the tax sale would be on November 10th, with only a few properties.

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31 Cara LaBounty reported that Bolton had heard that some of their elevation applications to the FEMA
32 hazard mitigation program had been approved, and Richmond might hear on theirs soon.

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34 Approval of Warrants

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36 Mr. Yeates asked why we paid sales tax on one invoice, and why we paid a surcharge for paper
37 towels. It was agreed that there was an environmental charge for disposal of oily rags at Highway.
38 Mr. Yeates objected to a vague invoice for planning consultant for the zoning officer. The warrants
39 were reviewed and approved.

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41 Approval of Minutes

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43 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2015 and was seconded by Mr.
44 Bressor and the motion carried 4-0.

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1 Approval of Vermont Sub-Grant for FEMA Claim

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3 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to approve the Sub-Grant agreement for the June disaster and was
4 seconded by Ms. Kane and the motion carried 4-0.

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6 Approval of VLCT Delegate

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8 The Manager explained that he was typically the voting delegate at the VLCT annual meeting.

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10 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to approve Geoffrey Urbanik as the voting delegate from Richmond for
11 the VLCT annual meeting. Ms. Kane seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

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13 Approval of FY2015 Audit Contract

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15 The Manager explained that the town had signed a three-year contract with Sullivan Powers & Co.,
16 however this was the specific FY2015 agreement.

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18 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to approve the contract with Sullivan Powers & Co. for the FY2015 audit
19 and was seconded by Mr. Bressor. The motion carried 4-0.

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21 Approval of Liquor License Application: Stone Corral

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23 The Manager explained that this was the application from Stone Corral Brewery for their Class 1
24 liquor license. The Manager explained that they would be closing no later than 10:00 PM per their
25 zoning permit. Consideration of this license would mean the board would act as the Board of Liquor
26 Control.

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28 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to approve the Class 1 liquor license application from Stone Corral
29 Brewery and was seconded by Ms. Kane and the motion carried 4-0.

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31 Executive Session

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33 Mr. Sander explained an executive session was required to discuss personnel matters pertaining to the
34 Town Manager's evaluation.

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36 Mr. Yeates offered a motion to enter an executive session at 9:15 PM to discuss the Town Manager's
37 evaluation, with the Town Manager present. Mr. Bressor seconded the motion and the motion carried
38 4-0.

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40 At 9:25 PM, Mr. Yeates offered a motion to adjourn the executive session and reconvene the regular
41 session. Mr. Bressor seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0. No further action was taken.

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44 **4. Adjourn**

45 Motion by Mr. Yeates to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Kane. So voted.