

**Town of Richmond
Selectboard Meeting
Minutes of May 15, 2023**

Members Present: Bard Hill, David Sander, Jay Furr, Jeff Forward, Lisa Miller

Absent: None

Staff Present: Josh Arneson, Town Manager; Duncan Wardwell, Assistant to the Town Manager; Linda Parent, Town Clerk; Keith Osborne, Town Planner; Dennis Gile, Fire Chief; Gerald Levesque, Assistant Fire Chief; Alyson Dengler, Police Officer; Benjamin Herrick, Interim Police Chief; Anthony Cambridge, Hinesburg Police Chief

Others Present: Meeting was recorded by MMCTV, Amy Wardwell, Andrew Bessette, Andrew McCullough, Angelike Contis, Bob Galvin, Bob Stafford, Brad Worthern, Cara LaBounty, Caroline Schlutius, Carolyn Cota, Cathleen Gent, Clint Buxton, Daniel Wolfson, David Peterson, Denise Barnard, Elizabeth Wright, George Barrett, George Gifford, Heidi Bormann, Ian Bender, Ian Stokes, Jenna Baker, Jeanette Malone, JG, Jim Feinson, John Cohn, John Hemmelgarn, John Rankin, Josh Hulett, Judy Rosovsky, June Heston, Karen Yaggy, Laurie Dana, Mary Houle, Nancy Zimmy, Patty Brushett, Rachel's iPad, Ryan, Stephanie Barrett, Susan Wells, Todd, Tom Frawley

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Welcome by: Furr

Public Comment:

Heston: I'm coming as a member of the Police Chief Hiring committee. We learned today that our final candidate for the Richmond Police Chief has withdrawn from the hiring process. He has stated why that is. As a member of the Hiring committee, I think it's important to be transparent about the fact that all the candidates were identified as a good fit. We don't know all the reasons, but we do know the final candidate felt he was being targeted by a group of people concerned about an accusation of domestic violence which took place in 2017. That is a legitimate concern, and I think it warranted due diligence in determining the validity of the concern. We discovered this incident was reviewed by two attorneys general and was dismissed due to lack of evidence. It was also reviewed by the Chittenden County State's Attorney when this candidate was being considered for hire for another position with South Burlington Police Department, which resulted in him being hired by South Burlington Police Department. We also held a listening circle facilitated by the Williston Community Justice Center to ensure people felt heard about this concern. To hear the media was invited to attend the meeting seems to me a contradiction to the intent of the meeting. What is most concerning to me is that it is apparent a small group of people in our Town made it their mission to ensure this person was not hired. We had a very qualified candidate with many years of experience in police work, including as Chief of a small town in Vermont. He was a person of color and would have provided a much-needed perspective in this Town. He was willing to take on the challenges facing our Police Department. He was prepared to move the conversation forward on the possibility of regionalization of our Police Department. It hurts me to say that as much work as we have tried to do on being a welcoming and

engaging community, we have a long way to go before everyone feels a sense of belonging.

Stafford: I also happen to be the Chair of the Executive Board for the Williston Community Justice Center. I'm not here to represent them tonight. That member of the media was not invited to that. I don't know anybody who invited that person to come. I was really surprised because I sat at that circle. I was really surprised to see that person there, no one from the Community Justice Center invited him.

Houle: The mowing company at the 2614 Cochran Rd lot should be provided with a key so they won't have to leave their equipment in the road where people are riding bikes and walking and slowing down. In that vein, I had asked for the inventory for all the grounds equipment that was used for maintenance for previous years. Where is that? We were supposed to successfully transfer that to public sale if the mowing contract was continued.

LaBounty: Two weeks ago, I brought up the reappraisal and said thank you for having them online so we can download the information. I also said I was not given information that had been requested. I was then given a map that is no longer correct for neighborhoods, and I am still waiting on land schedules. We have our appeals next week. Those of us who are grieving our taxes, we do not have the data that they've spent two years to prepare. We are not getting information that we are entitled to.

Worthern: I live in Southview Dr for 26 years here in Richmond. I responded to an email Josh sent looking for individuals to help hire our next Police Chief. We went through 15 different applications and narrowed that down to 6, interviewed 4 of those and one person was always on the top. This was Daniel. What happened was called canceled culture where one side gets going on an issue in a domestic dispute that was investigated by the Attorney Generals. We lost an extremely good candidate here because of our minority cancel culture, who did not want to listen to the other side of the story. The scrutiny that he was given personally was abominable. We lost a good candidate. We have no protection in this Town. If there's any way we can bring Daniel back, I would urge you to reach out and do that because he is a highly qualified candidate for a small town as Richmond.

Barnard: As a mother of two black children, it would have been wonderful to have that gentleman in our Town.

Furr: I'd like to thank everybody for their polite but very deeply felt comments. I'm glad that we live in a town where people can share their thoughts. I would like to make one statement before we start that has nothing to do with this the Police issue. It has to do with meeting timing. It's well known that Selectboard Meetings can run very long. Sometimes it's because people have a lot to say, sometimes it's because we put too many things on the agenda. When we have meetings that run very long, it serves as a disincentive to want to come to the meetings and to want to possibly serve on the Selectboard. We're aware that we need to do more to move the meetings along in this timely fashion. I'm going to try to do exactly that. I will periodically do time checks so that we know where we stand. I think we need to start a new habit of working to the clock a little bit. We've also talked about the Selectboard possibly saving some items for off weeks. Comments about time have been heard. The last thing for public comment is

to do with Mr. Frawley, he has a liquor license application that is currently scheduled to be heard at about 10:30pm. Josh suggested that I see if he would like to make a brief comment.

Frawley: We are Summit Stores, we're the applicant that you've been dealing with for quite some time on the rebuild of the Richmond Mobile location. Our existing tenant RMM Enterprises is going to be leaving the location on May 24 which is why we're stepping in early to take over the operation of the Richmond Mobile Mart and take over the liquor license.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

Hill: Thanks for your comments about the meeting. I think we need to come up with a plan where we're not here at 10:30-11 at night. That's an agenda item we can work on between now and the next meeting.

Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present

Consideration of appointments to Town Committees

Furr: Typically, at the second meeting in May, we vote for appointments for Town Committees. Leading up to this, we solicited for quite some time prior to this meeting to find people to occupy volunteer positions. It's very hard to run town government when committees that are tasked with particular jobs can't make a quorum. I'm grateful for the people who applied, we still have some positions that we do not have people for, and we'll be posting those and trying to fill those. We will go through the list in the Selectboard packet
(<https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2023/05/3a01CommitteeBoardsShadedTermsEnd2023.pdf>)

Planning Commission

*Sander moved to appoint to the Planning Commission Adam Wood, Chris Granda, Virginia Clarke to 4-year terms. Forward seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved.*

Development Review Board

*Sander moved to appoint to the Development Review Board David Sunshine, Matt Dyer to 3-year terms. Forward seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved.*

Richmond Conservation Commission

*Sander moved to appoint to the Richmond Conservation Commission Elizabeth Wright to a 4-year term, Allison Anand to a vacant alternate term running to 2025, Bob Galvin to a vacant term running to 2024, Jeanette Malone to a vacant term running to 2026.
Forward seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Sander in favor. Miller abstains. Motion approved.*

Trails Committee

Sander moved to appoint to the Trails Committee Tyler Merritt, Mike Donahue, Alexandra McAleer to 3-year terms. Forward seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Andrew's Community Forest Committee

Sander moved to table this appointment until next meeting. Forward seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Town Center and Library Building Committee

Sander moved to accept the resignations of Brian Tellstone and Christine Werneke from the Town Center and Library Building Committee and reduce the size of the Committee to 7 to match the number of active members. Forward seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Gardening Committee

Sander moved to make the Gardening Committee a 6-member Committee. Forward seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Forward moved to appoint to the Gardening Committee Caroline Schlutius, Marilynne Johnson, Mary Houle to three 3-year terms, Erin Farr, Hannah Harrington, Jim Feinson to three 2-year terms. Sander seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Transportation Committee

Forward moved to appoint to the Transportation Committee Cathleen Gent, Chris Cole, Susan Wells to 3-year terms. Sander seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Parking Advisory Committee

Sander moved to appoint to the Parking Advisory Committee Diane Mariano, John Cohn to 3-year terms. Miller seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

ARPA Committee

Forward moved to appoint to the ARPA Committee Molly Dugan, Mary Houle, Cara LaBounty to a 1-year Resident term and Denise Barnard to a 1-year Business Owner Term. Sander seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Forward, Furr abstains. Motion approved.

Sander moved to appoint to the ARPA Committee Jay Furr, Jeff Forward to a 1-year Selectboard member term, Josh Arneson to a 1-year Town Manager term. Miller seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Forward, Furr abstains. Motion approved.

4th of July Parade & Fireworks Committee

Sander moved to appoint to the 4th of July Parade & Fireworks Committee Amanda Cobb, Bryan Moreau, Chris Jenkins, Jay Furr, Justin Spence, Norman Perkins, Stefani Hartsfield, Susan Glennon to a one-year term. Forward seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Furr abstains. Motion approved.

Other Volunteer Openings

Sander moved to appoint Andy Squires to the 1-year term for Animal Control Officer, Jeff Forward to the 1-year term for Energy, Josh Arneson to the 1-year term for Emergency Management Director, Carole Furr to the 1-year term for Town Fence Viewer, Jon Kart to the 1-year term for Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood, Amy Wardwell to the 1-year term for Richmond Rescue Board of Directors-Liaison/Representative, Jay Furr and Jeff Forward to the 1-year term for Weigher of Coal, appoint Virginia Clarke to the 2-year term for Alternate Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) and table the Tree Warden appointment at this time. Forward seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Forward, Furr abstains. Motion approved.

Consideration of setting a public hearing date for proposed amendments to Zoning Regulations for Village Residential/Commercial District and Gateway Residential/Commercial District and associated amendments

Furr: We held a hearing some weeks ago to review the changes to those two districts, the Village Residential/Commercial District and the Gateway Residential/Commercial District. There was discussion from members of the Selectboard that we would like to remove some parcels along Jericho Rd from the Village Residential/Commercial District. We sent them back to the Planning Commission. They sent it to us, and we approved it but it turns out we did not do it exactly right.

Oborne: The protocols weren't followed last time. What we've done is Virginia executed two motions, one is to vacate the one motion and then one is basically to clean everything up and move forward on the public hearing.

Forward moved that the motion of 5/1/23 to approve 'changes to sections 3.3.3, 3.3.5[d], 3.4.3, and 3.4.5[d], as presented by the Chair of the Planning Commission', be vacated, as these changes to the documents 'Gateway and Village Residential/Commercial Zoning Districts and Associated Amendments' were not correctly approved for recommendation by the Chair of the Planning Commission. Sander seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Sander moved that the Selectboard set the date for the final public hearing on the documents "Gateway and Village Residential/Commercial Zoning Districts and

*Associated Amendments” for June 5, 2023, and that the planning staff carry out the required notifications. These documents amend the following sections of the Richmond Zoning Regulations: sections 2.5.2, 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 3.7.1, 3.7.2, 3.8.1, 3.8.2, 3.9.1, 3.9.2, 3.10.1, 3.10.2, 4.5, 5.5, 6.1.2, 6.13, 7 and the Official Zoning District Map. Minor references related to the district name changes have been amended in the following additional sections: Table of Contents, 2.1, 5.7.3, 5.7.4, 5.12.2, and Index. In addition, the documents are accompanied by the required Bylaw Amendment Reports. Forward seconded.
Roll Call Vote follows discussion.*

Furr: The public could come to this meeting and make a compelling case that these or any other parts needed to be altered. The entire substance of the changes is potentially available for discussion and comment. If we made changes, again, we would have to do this all over.

Osborne: The changes that were offered on May 1 are not part of this package. This is a clean package that the Planning Commission approved back in February. There was a unilateral decision to try to change that and that was the vacated motion. You now have a totally clean slate with all the sections that were required and approved by the Planning Commission before you now.

Furr: This includes the editing from before and our change to Jericho Rd.

Forward: The changes we made at that meeting were related to the Jericho Rd section. We'll be discussing that in June.

Osborne: Yes, that would be correct. That is why you're setting the public hearing.

Furr: If there are no further amendments when we close that public hearing, we can then move right on to adopting them. However, if additional changes are made, we would have to ask the Planning Commission to update the materials, then get back to us and we'd have to warn another public hearing.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Public Meeting regarding Richmond IM 089-2(52) Rt. 2 Bridge Replacement Project

Furr: This is the bridge that people think of as the Fire Station bridge over I-89. I'd like to invite members of VTrans to come forward for their presentation.

Cota: We're here to talk about the US Rt 2 Bridge over Interstate 89. My name is Carolyn Cota and I am the Structures Program Manager. I'm in charge of the whole structures group at VTrans. With me is David Peterson, he's the VTrans Project Engineer. Josh Hulett will be the VTrans Resident Engineer on this project. Stephanie Barrett is the Public Information Consultant for this project. The purpose of this meeting is to give you an overview of the project as we designed it, talk about the anticipated project construction schedule, and discuss traffic control during construction. Then we have questions and comments. We're going to review the existing bridge, preview the new

bridge and mention how much this project is going to cost. The Town has no share on this project, that is a 90% Federally funded and 10% State funded project.

Some of the conditions of the existing bridge is that it is a major collector, it is almost 500 feet long with an 8-span rolled beam bridge. The State owns it and it was constructed in 1964. Reinforcing steel and the concrete is falling off those columns, it's in very poor condition. This is a high priority bike corridor, and the existing bridge is too narrow to really accommodate bicyclists in a safe manner. I'm going to let Dave talk about the new bridge.

Peterson: The design for the new bridge is two spans a little shorter, 376 feet long, but we have it so our beams will be significantly deeper than the existing ones. We're using some really high-performance steel in the concrete so it's galvanized. We're looking at 100-year design life. We went with a 12-foot-wide lane on each side and 6-foot shoulders which increases safety for bicycles. We are looking at just over \$19 million for construction costs. That's the bridge construction and engineering oversight for the project. Engineers Construction (ECI) do quite a bit of work on bridges for us so we're very familiar with them. We have been coordinating with the existing Richmond-Bolton project to make sure we match into their project. We're not overlapping work. We're not doing stuff twice. We're doing no pavement on the bridge. It's a little less future maintenance and it will still provide just as sturdy of a structure as if there was pavement. The new bridge will be shifted north of the existing bridge. It allows us to keep the existing bridge in service, two lanes of traffic, one in each direction will be in service the whole time with some daily lane closures. A 3D view of the bridge shows a single pier in the median then two bridge abutments on either side of the interstate. The Middlesex bridge is kind of a guide in how we laid out our structure.

This is a three-season construction schedule so we're starting in 2023, the contractor anticipates being out there in June. In 2023, they will be constructing all the bridge foundations, the abutments the pier, and kind of building it up all the roadway approaches. There's a lot of fill that we have to bring in because we are reducing the spans. There's a lot of earth to build which is cheaper than buying steel girders and building abutments and piers. In 2024, they'll come in they'll set the steel girders the pour the deck and based on the current schedule from the contractor, they plan to have the new bridge open at the end of 2024. Traffic will be on that bridge. Then the contractor will come back in 2025 and demo the existing bridge, site clean-up, turf establishment and some final drainage structures. Currently, the contractor plans to close down by November of 2025.

Our projects require the contractor to submit a full traffic control plan for every aspect of the work that they must complete. The contractor plans to maintain traffic on the existing bridge. Every day, at the close of work, there'll be two open lanes, one in each direction. During the day, there may be daily lane closures on US Rt 2 but at the end of the day, it'll be back fully open to traffic. There will be some daily lane closures on the interstate. Those will be limited to weekdays and not between 3-6pm. The morning we didn't see as bad as traffic backup with the culvert project. Once the contractor needs to set the new steel and demo the existing bridge, they will be installing crossovers on the interstate. It will be similar to the culvert project crossovers, but they will be limited to 60 days in use per year. Once they get that 60 days, it is back to two lanes in each direction.

The other big concern is access to the Fire Station and other drives during the project. We have a requirement that the Fire Station drive needs to be always maintained at 40-foot wide. The contractor needs to phase their work around maintaining that 40-foot width and they will also be performing and all-stopped in all directions during an emergency. They will have a dedicated flagger at the Fire Station to alert the other flaggers to stop traffic when a call comes in or if they need to get their emergency vehicles out.

Furr: The exit from the Fire Station, which is currently at a slope, there's going to be enough fill in there, so it is much more level. In the course of building how are you going to get can maintain access?

Peterson: The design will be phased, build 20 feet on one side then do the other side. That will require possibly a shift of the Fire Station drive north initially for the contractor.

Barnard: As someone who lives in Jonesville, will there be a fire truck on the other end of town like you did with the bridge over here, just for safety?

Cota: They will have access at all times. If we determine that there could be an issue, we would work with our contractor and with the Town and maybe put a fire truck over there if need be. I think the contractors are capable of trying to come up with a good plan, because they want to make sure that the fire trucks can have access at all times.

Hill: I'd like to praise the Agency of Transportation for accommodating the 6-foot widths in the bridge design and into the future. This is a long term, 100-year project. I really applaud having dealt with the wider shoulders on the bridge.

Cota: The roadway approaches for that will be the 6-foot and they will taper into where the other project is on either side. At the end of the day, you are all going to be very happy with the project.

Forward: You should be very happy that Bard gave you a bouquet of roses there. Could you explain to me bedrock probing?

Hulett: They completed it on Friday. They are testing to see what the elevation of the bedrock so they can decide what to take out or install for a foundation system.

Sander: You'll notice they cut the vegetation and the trees down.

Miller: Is there blasting involved?

Hulett: It depends on a few factors.

Bessette: I would like to know how much more it cost us to build the bridge on a curve instead of a straight across bridge.

Peterson: There's a lot that kind of goes into that, to build a straight bridge and have the approaches geometric so the curves meet the speed limit. If we did a straight bridge, you'd have a much sharper curve coming into it. By curving the whole bridge, it's a much gentler curve.

Cota: One of the reasons is that we want to maintain traffic on the existing bridge. I think they did look at something similar to that, but it was too much impact. If we had to put in a temporary bridge, that would probably cost close to \$2 million.

Barnard: Will you try to work around the school bus schedule?

Cota: They will be starting at probably 7am in the morning. If it is an issue we get the phone calls, that's why we have Stephanie. We haven't had our pre-construction meeting, we are trying to maintain two-way traffic at all times. At the Fire Department, they may build 20 feet of it, get it up to grade, and build the other 20 feet, get up to grade, and they're going to pave it. We will work with the Fire Department to ensure a Town is not without their Fire Department. I have a dedicated flagger to make sure that those emergency vehicles can get in and out.

Giles: We can move a fire truck to the Town Garage.

Peterson: Their driveway is scheduled to be worked on starting in July.

Sander: The elevation of Rt 2 for the Fire Department drive will be 8-feet higher than it is now. We won't have as much of a nightmare with the driveway to contend with.

Consideration of approval of liquor licenses

Furr: I'd like to move up item K approval of liquor licenses. A reminder on the definition of each class of liquor license:

*First Class License: Serve beer and wine on site

*Second Class License: Sell beer and wine to be consumed off premises

*Third Class License: Serve spirits on site

*The State of Vermont licenses the VT Liquor Store located in the Richmond Market directly

Sander moved to approve first and third class liquor licenses for Hatchet Enterprises doing business as Hatchet Tap and Table. Miller seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Miller move to approve first and third class liquor licenses for The Richmond Yacht Club LLC. Doing business as The Big Spruce. Sander seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Sander moved to approve a second class liquor license, a tobacco license, and a tobacco substitute endorsement for Summit Stores LLC doing business as The Mobil Station.

Forward seconded.

Roll Call Vote follows discussion.

Miller: Do we have to approve this? I find it strange selling it at a commuter stop.

Furr: Beer sales make up a big percentage of the average convenience store. If we want a gas station and other things, then beer's kind of the necessary evil. I validate your point of view.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Discussion of American Rescue Plan Act Committee request from Cemetery Commission

Furr: The ARPA Committee solicited recommendations and suggestions from a wide range of sources from townspeople, public forums, surveys, cards, Front Porch Forum, emails, people walking up to me in the Richmond Market. We have previously approved a small amount of money. We do have a few items that we are prepared to move on with but we have still got approximately half the ARPA money completely uncommitted at this time. We do have a proposal from the Richmond Cemetery Commission to basically repair stones and put a fence up.

Parent: We have been to the ARPA Committee twice to explain our request. It is basically for us to put a fence around the Village Cemetery, a complete fence with a gate. We have a survey that shows exactly where it should be. Our plan right now is a 4-foot-high fence with a gate to be installed on four sides of Village Cemetery which would go between Joline Ct property and the Library. We've had issues with the people from the Creamery apartments using the Cemetery for recreational use. We feel it's important to close in the Cemetery because we've had a lot of vandalism up there. We think it's important to provide a respectful and protected final resting place for many of our citizens. We have been informed that there's probably about nine patriots that were in the Civil War. We also have an Indian princess buried in there and a lot of early settlers. We did find out that the Town used to bury the indigent people and anybody passing through that died. A properly installed fence would stop other vandalism. There would be a gate not towards the Bridge Street side because of the lay of the land. In your packet, we had pictures of what it looks like now and as everybody knows a picture of what it's going to look like.

We already have a proposal for the fencing from F.E. Hart of Williston for \$27,829. We have a proposal for installing the fence and the cement work from White Fencing in Hinesburg for 10,177.50. The stones in the Cemetery are in dire need of restoration and repair. We have an estimate of \$6,700 from James Woodman, we're extremely happy with his work. It's very precise and detailed and specialized. There are very few people that will do that. Some will clean but they won't fix.

We're proposing that the Cemetery Commission covers 50% of the project and ARPA funds be used to match the other 50% which will calculate to \$22,353.25. We will be buying stone dust and Pete Gosselin said he'd go pick it up for us. In the past, the Cemetery Association has paid to take out three very large trees that were damaged along Bridge St. They wanted to be sure that the trees that are between the Library and the fence are viable and wouldn't be coming down on the new fence.

Furr: The ARPA committee has discussed this, and we have voted to endorse this.

Forward moved to approve the use of \$22,353.25 in ARPA funds for a fence and repair of headstones at the Village Cemetery. Sander seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Update from Town Center and Library Building Committee

Furr: We are going back to item (d) on the agenda.

Forward: I'd like to welcome Andrew McCullough and John Hemmelgarn of Black River Design. They are the architects that we have hired to help us with the design for the Town Center Committee. The Town Center and Library Committee has been working pretty diligently, like twice a month for over four years. One of the first things we did was we interviewed all of the Town staff in the space to try to figure out how it was used. We set up a priority list of how we would like to see this building used and that included Town services first. The Post Office was a really valuable tenant. We established that the Historical Society and the Senior Center were terrific tenants for this building. We wanted to include them as a kind of second tier. For a third tier, we have two paying tenants, MMCTV and Radiate Art Space.

We did a whole bunch of visioning. Christine Werneke, when she was Chair of this committee, was very intent on trying to get as much public input as possible. A question that came up over and over was what's the difference of building new versus rehabilitating this building. It would cost several million dollars more to build a new building than it would be to reuse this building. It is not only called the Town Center, it is the "town center." We investigated how we could use this building because a portion of it is in the floodplain. We have to flood proof it and there are two different ways to do that. One is to seal it all off so that no water goes in, which is very expensive and would be very intrusive to the outside of the building. Or we could open it up and let the floodwaters come in and go out without damaging the rest of the building. That means that the basement level cannot be used for occupied space. That eliminates where the Radiate Art Space is now. It can be used for storage, but it can't be used for occupied space.

Everybody's wish list is a little bit bigger than their stomach is. We didn't feel like the Town Center Committee was the right committee to think about what our future Police needs were. The really difficult part to figure out was the Police Department wanted a sallyport, the detainee processing facility. That requires being able to drive a car in the first floor so the connection between that is really difficult. The Committee determined that we can improve the Police space greatly. We can even double the existing space. The planning for having a garage of some sort connected to this building was beyond our scope and beyond our needs. We outsource to Williston and Hinesburg.

We wanted to get to a point where we could present something coherent to you, not as a final design or final approval but to provide you with where we stand right now.

Hemmelgarn: One piece that we discovered is the Zoning requirements also constrain the site significantly. The current site for the Town Hall exceeds what's allowed by your own Zoning regulations. It would be grandfathered, and we can maintain existing lot coverage but we cannot increase it. We can move pavement from here to there but in the end the percentage of coverage cannot increase. By maintaining the existing footprint, we are really keeping the cost down to a minimum.

McCullough: We're currently looking at a site plan with the Library on the left and all Town buildings on the right (https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2023/05/3d1_Richmond_Town_Center_Conceptual_Site_Plan_05.12.23.pdf). The initial parking layout is extremely inefficient. There's kind of a generic summary of parking space counts and lot development percentages. This current layout matches the existing parking layout number, slightly reduced lot coverage, and ultimately provided a larger public area that sits between the Library and the Town Hall. There will be more green space, more welcoming to the public, it has moved up to the pedestrian access that connects the Library and the Town Hall. We're showing some sort of speed table that would help slow traffic down and make that connection a little bit safer and more welcoming. You will notice, there is a new sidewalk heading to the south of the existing Town Hall building wrapping the corner. A new stairwell will be built into the empty space between the existing vault and the backside of the Post Office. The current fire escape is really not a suitable second means of egress. That is actually a new increase to the footprint, which we are addressing through other means as far as reducing impervious material elsewhere.

The site plan does conceptually take into account floodplain issues. We've had some initial discussions to properly address compensatory storage draining that's built within the floodplain. But I think in general, it's the beauty of simplicity and helping to improve that access for the public. You'll also notice in the top corner the little blue triangle, which is an allowance of space on the site for stormwater treatment. We are also minimally increasing the block coverage on the Library lot. The good news is that the lot coverage at the Library is under the allowable amount. We are maintaining the lawn behind the Library including important plantings.

Forward: This proposal has a lot more trees which was exciting and a lot more green space. The connection between the Town Center building and the Library is a pedestrian access, as opposed to kids walking across the parking lot. We have two Library trustees on our committee, Amy Wardwell Laurie Dana. They took this back to the Library trustees and they were extremely supportive. The hope for that event space is that would be helpful for programming space for the Library and make it much safer to go in between the two buildings.

Sander: We'd have to remove or relocate the charging station.

Forward: I would hope that when we get to that point, we talk about more charging stations and maybe connecting them to the Town Hall building as opposed to the Library.

Hemmelgarn: We're also relocating the handicap accessible parking spaces that currently require those folks to back out onto the road. We tried very hard to not have any steps there and have everyone use the ramp, but we ran out of real estate. One of the goals of this project was to create a better connection between the Village and this building and make it a more walkable district.

Hill: I've thought for several decades that the pedestrian and traffic flow in this area needed a solution and it seems to me like this is it. My remaining question is about the stormwater ponding at the far end, does that presumably some sort of drain to go somewhere?

Hemmelgarn: There is one currently and it heads over towards the east. We had our civil engineer hunt through those trees and found it. The next step would be to verify some of that stuff and to put a more definitive cost estimate together.

The plan on the right is the ground level plan which includes the half story up so the Post Office is in yellow (https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2023/05/3d2_RITC-20230414-approved_basis_of_design.pdf). The historic building is down page of the yellow graphic. We went through a lot of iterations in terms of presenting all the possible options of where our program can go and how to break it out. We came to the priority list, the Town Offices being at the top, Post Office second, Historical and Senior Center third.

Furr: The Town Manager's office is basically shifting sides of the building. It would be looking on the Library and the Assistant Manager would be next, the Business Admin would be north of that. Directly below that, we have a new Selectboard meeting room, so you won't have to come all the way up here. On the other side, in the lower corner, we have the Town Clerk and Listers. Above that we have the Conference Room for access to land records and the vault on the right. Zoning would have the space north of that with an office and a work room. It's kind of flipping things around a little bit.

Forward: A high priority is to try to keep the Town Offices on one floor rather than split them up. These interior partition walls could all change.

Furr: The Police Station is coming upstairs.

Hemmelgarn: Exactly it is doubling square footage and taking up the northern half of historic building. In the old principal's office, there is MMCTV, the Historical Society, the Senior Center, and a common break room that serves the entire building with a small conference room.

Miller: How constrained are you by the existing structure?

Furr: We cannot expand the footprint because of the Zoning, we can move the alignment a little bit.

McCullough: Where the Police Station is shown on this plan is a very old addition, it has its own structure. It's a pretty flexible program otherwise. The fewer changes we make the more cost effective it is.

Houle: What about the trees? What kind of understructure? I understand that the landscape architect cost about \$15,000. What kind of trees are you proposing? Where do I find this information? If you don't have the understory to support those trees, you might as well not plant a tree. Currently the tree that's out there in the island behind the postal drop is dying because it doesn't have enough under space. You will probably find 12-20 inches of asphalt or concrete.

Forward: We're not there yet. We needed to bring a conceptual design to the Selectboard to get approval to move forward with doing more finals.

Furr: Mary does make a good point, putting a tree in the middle of a traffic island and it dies. We will need to make sure that we don't go down two feet and have an impermeable surface and the tree dies.

McCullough: We need to plan for that. We put together a budget for this, to scope the ground to support the growth of the trees. Then careful consideration needs to be made of species and how big they are. The landscape architect was part of our team.

Furr: There is not yet a plan that says where a tree goes in. We're not at that part of the process yet.

Dengler: This is Officer Allison Dengler of Richmond PD. I appreciate the designs, they look great. I do have one concern because you still only have one locker room. I love the upgrade actually having the bathroom in a secured area for the officers. What changes can be made so that your locker room actually offers privacy to both sexes and non-binary?

McCullough: This is a preliminary plan. That type of input is certainly welcome as we move forward. There is a finite amount of space. There'll be a prioritization process that makes sure that we've got everything that we need.

Furr: The mandatory access for locker rooms for police officers there's a certain amount of footage that we can't really go below.

LaBounty: I don't think we have a list of our current tree maintenance, upkeep, upgrade and which ones are being removed and replanted. I really want to really push us to be a little bit more cautious with that until we have a plan for all the other existing trees in Town before we start adding on large inventory. We're just moving some rooms around a lot and we're moving some bathrooms around a lot. We're kind of just doing what we've already got here just in a different layout. We were looking at a complete different building that had Fire, Police and Rescue in it back when we were looking at a \$10 million building. I'm just concerned that we're just relocating things.

Forward: One of our purposes is to work towards a bond vote in November. In order to do that, we need direction from the Selectboard. The architects gave us ten different options. Is this okay for us to proceed?

Furr: We are over time for this issue. Does anybody on the Selectboard have any objections to this overall concept as presented?

Miller: Somebody mentioned that to address the floodplain, we're making the bottom story partially open. Is there a rendering of that? Do we lose any space or does that space have to be recreated somewhere else?

Forward: It's mostly storage now, you wouldn't put historical documents down there. The floodplain regulations require us to do is to take out everything that could rot. We can store stuff down there.

Furr: This is not the final decision on the plan.

Furr: Is there any sense from the Selectboard that you have any objections to this plan? Is there anybody on the Selectboard who says I don't like this plan, it should be redone in some fashion. Otherwise, are we okay with this plan at this point? Thank you for your time.

Consideration of approval of the use of Town Center funds to pay for Energy Modeling for the Town Center renovation project

Furr: The Town Center Committee would like to conduct energy modeling of the Town Center to look at the potential for a net-zero building. DuBois and King have been working with the project architects Black River Design on similar work and can add this scope of work for \$10,700. Black River Design requires a 33% fee for their services related to this work bringing the total to \$14,200. The Committee is requesting that the Selectboard approve this as an expenditure from the Town Center Fund. The Town Center Fund has an end of FY23 projected balance of \$207,000.

Miller: I assume insulation and windows and so forth are going to be upgraded or replaced.

Forward: The windows are original, this was the building built in 1907. There are exterior storm windows that no longer function very well. We will need to replace the windows. We'll need to upgrade the heating and ventilating system.

Furr: With the overall goal of making this a net-zero building, which allows a lot of pieces of the puzzle.

Forward: The engineers need to model the building as it is and model it with the least you can do to meet the code. We hope to get something that we can estimate the difference in costs going from the least you can do to meet the code, perhaps getting it to a net-zero.

Sander moved to approve the use of \$14,200 from the Town Center Fund to pay for energy modeling of the Town Center. Miller seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Consideration of approval of the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds

Furr: We have approved some money, the Cemetery, money for the Bruhn grant, money to conduct the surveys. There is a document in your packet called the ARPA project list (https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2023/05/3g1_ARPA_Project_List_5-11-23.pdf)

The green items on here are \$150,000 for the Bruhn grant for the Library exterior, \$3,000 to pay for last summer's survey. The blue ones are that the ARPA committee has given a thumbs up and voted to forward on to the committee. Yellow is something that has been discussed, but the dollar amount for it is very nebulous. We have a request from the Recreation Committee but we have not had the public input necessary to say if this actually a good idea. We have two purple items at the bottom, one is for digitizing of Town records of various kinds, and one is miscellaneous money for the Town Center.

We're coming to you tonight about the blue things. We have two sidewalk projects. One of them is a sidewalk on the east side of Bridge St from Jolina Ct to US Rt 2. We also have sidewalks on the west side of Bridge St from Jolina Ct to Esplanade. There is an item for Municipal Oversight because the money that we have for the actual sidewalk projects does not include the municipal project oversight that is necessary. We had previously authorized the Town to apply for the TAP grant. We have a motion little later on to approve and sign the grant agreement. You'll see that the matching for TAP grant says \$64,000. This is a 20% match, and the remaining money would have been \$256,000. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Town to leverage ARPA money, that was one of our biggest criteria as a Committee.

The three items we're asking for approval from the Selectboard tonight are to approve using \$254,509 for the Complete Streets project, the Municipal Oversight and the match for the TAP grant for the sidewalk on the other side of the street.

Forward: We looked at these projects relative to this criteria list (https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/ARPA_Committee/General/2023/04/ARPA_Project_Criteria_List.pdf) It appeared to the committee that the projects that are being proposed fit most of these criteria quite well.

Furr: When we did the survey of Town residents, pedestrian safety and improvements to safety were one of the top two items, the other being general recreation. Our downtown is wonderful for people who are able to walk well. It is not open to those who cannot and this would make significant improvements.

Miller: Individual parking at businesses is limited. If they're more popular than expected, people could park down at Volunteers Green and they're walking to something on Bridge St.

Forward: The sidewalks have received a lot of public discussion through the Transportation Committee and through planning grants. I feel that we've gotten a lot of public support for improving the sidewalks on the east side.

Furr: If the ground radar finds archaeological remains within the belt along the Cemetery where we're proposing the sidewalk, we will not be covering bodies with the sidewalk.

Hill: I think people are often daunted by the linear foot cost of sidewalks, they are not cheap. Pete's proposal several years ago to increase staffing so we could do some projects ourselves is proving to be prudent in terms of both getting projects done and at a more reasonable cost.

Miller: Every senior that I've talked to is 100% up for this.

Forward move to approve the use of \$254,509 in ARPA funds for the Complete Streets project on Bridge St. which includes a sidewalk on the east side of Bridge St. from Jolina Ct. to US 2, an uphill bike lane, and improvements to the pedestrian walkway at the intersection of Railroad St. and Bridge St. near the Richmond Market. Miller seconded. Roll Call Vote follows discussion.

Forward: Engineering is always an expensive part of any project. This project is less expensive than if we went through the grant process through the Regional Planning Commission because we do not have to jump through all of those hoops.

Gent: Pete Gosselin has stated that they would not be in a position to do the new sidewalks. They will do maintenance on existing sidewalks. I don't know that the Town staff could do the project on the east side as a new construction project.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Miller moved to approve the use of \$64,000 in ARPA funds as a match for the Transportation Alternative Program grant to construct a sidewalk on the east side of Bridge St. from Jolina Ct. to Esplanade. Sander seconded.

Roll Call Vote follows discussion.

Forward: We do have a Reserve fund for new sidewalks. Do you know how much money is in that fund?

Sander: I think it was \$35,000.

Arneson: I can look it up.

Forward: That might be our contingency money if this does not go over.

Gent: The matching for the TAP grant is for the east side.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Consideration of approving the Transportation Alternatives Program grant agreement

Furr: Item L on your agenda is just a natural follow up to this.

Forward moved to approve the grant agreement for the Transportation Alternatives Program grant. Miller seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Consideration of approval of the use of Conservation Reserve Fund to pay for a speaker on public wildlife and the Andrews Community Forest

Furr: The Conservation Commission has asked to use \$250 from the Conservation Reserve Fund to pay for a talk by Sue Morris.

Forward moved to approve the use of \$250 from the Conservation Reserve Fund to pay for an educational talk by wildlife specialist Sue Morse. Miller seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Discussion of draft Bombardier Meadow Parking Plan from Richmond Land Trust

Furr: We have Jim Feinson from the Land Trust with us.

Feinson: This is an update item

(https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2023/05/3i_Bombardier_Meadow_plans.pdf)

For the past three years, the Richmond Land Trust has provided temporary seasonal parking in Jonesville to help the parking pressure on the river access at that point. However, that has been problematic because it's not keeping with the terms of the easement, and it is causing degradation of that parcel. It's causing numerous problems for the neighbors with noise and dust and concerns about safety. We were providing that while the Parking Advisory Committee was coming up with a longer-term plan for parking in that area. I feel like the Parking Advisory Committee has reached a point of conclusion for what they're recommending for parking in the area. The Richmond Land Trust will be returning to the original terms of the easement, which provided for only up to five parking spaces on the Bombardier Meadow. It's our plan to use those as handicap only spaces to provide river access for those with disabilities. It is also a drop-off point for people accessing the river but not parking.

We had an original design for Bombardier Meadow for parking. We'll need to update that. We will be doing some hardening of that portion of the meadow to protect the ecosystem. We'd also look to improve the river access so that it is accessible for all folks who'd like to use it. This does mean a significant loss of parking that we've had there in recent years. We do not have the capacity to manage that parking to manage the trash and the noise and other issues that are there. We are not the sole easement holder. Both the Richmond Land Trust Board and the Vermont Housing Conservation Board want us to return to the original terms of the easement. We will be flexible and see how that works in this coming year. We need to apply for our permits and figure out how we'll get the work done. But right now, that's our plan for 2023.

Furr: I especially liked the large boulders.

Feinson: We've had a real problem with scofflaws who don't respect the parking that we had established. We're going to have to harden it a little bit further.

Furr: I want to thank the Land Trust for thinking about all this and putting together this plan.

Miller: You've been really helpful and generous. I understand, for the sake of the parcel, you really need to take it out of that use. It's helped us past just a temporary fix, we have better things in the future that we can do that are more compatible with the area.

Hill: Do you have any thoughts on the "work with the town of local towing companies to provide some form of enforcement?" It's my perspective that the Police Department fully staffed does not or cannot enforce parking on private property. That's not Town property or in the right of way.

Feinson: We're certainly very sensitive to the issues of Police coverage in the Town and all the other parking issues that they have to deal with throughout the summer. There are

creative solutions where the parcel could become quasi-public for the handicapped parking spaces. I think a better solution will be to really work with private local towing companies to support us as a private landowner and enforce the parking that we'd like to have there. Handicap accessible would be for those who have official designation.

Houle: You really need to make sure that it is posted because when people come back and their car is missing, they automatically think it has been stolen. Let the people know that you will be towed if you do not comply.

Feinson: I absolutely agree.

Hill: The road level in the area between Duxbury Rd intersection and the Jonesville bridge, I don't know if that's something Pete wants to deal within the right of way. It seems like that's part of the broader parking plan. It is within the Town's area of responsibility and opportunity.

Rankin: The Parking Advisory Committee discussed with Pete Gosselin the widening of the shoulder between the Duxbury Rd and the Winooski River Bridge. My recollection is it would take 2-3 days for the crew. I believe there'd be some expense of the gravel. The Parking Advisory Committee has yet to review the option and make a recommendation on whether we think the Town should do this. Pete did say it was possible, it is a steep embankment, and it would make it easier to park there.

Miller: Andy Squires is the only Constable we have. He has said that if he had another person like himself to enforce parking, it would take a load off the Police Department. Summer is coming fast. I wonder how realistic or possible it is.

Houle: Down Duxbury Rd, the second driveway is the Cross property that used to be a sawmill. That property was on the market last year, and that would be exquisite for parking. I don't want the Town to purchase it, but it's just available. It's pretty much a whole parking lot with a warehouse building on it. If anyone on the Parking Committee or Recreation could contact them, they'll be up soon.

Consideration of reimbursement to MMCTV for equipment for hybrid meeting room set up

Furr: I'm President and Treasurer of Mount Mansfield Community Television so I will not be voting on this. MMCTV supplied the audio and visual equipment for this room. They did this fairly quickly in 2021. We all agreed that we love MMCTV but we didn't think it really met the ARPA criteria. We kicked it back to the Selectboard. The Selectboard is being asked to approve \$10,046 from the Technology Equipment expense line to reimburse MMCTV for equipment here in the room.

Arneson: The actual total was a little less at \$9,794. We'll come back next week with all the receipts for everything that she bought and the PO to request a check.

Furr: We've overspending that but we have money in Unassigned.

Sander: The ownership of that equipment will be transferred to the Town or would that be owned by MMCTV?

Arneson: I would still want them to maintain it. I don't know anything about it, they do.

Hill: I wouldn't support using that Town Equipment line item to purchase equipment for a separate entity. I think it's justified and merited, I just don't think that's the right line item based on how we built the budget.

Furr: We have the option of making a change in the motion to say from Unassigned funds.

*Sander moved to approve the expenditure of \$9,794 from Unassigned funds to reimburse MMCTV for equipment in the Town's hybrid meeting room. Miller seconded.
Roll Call Vote follows discussion*

Forward: If and when we do renovate this building, we'll be doing a lot of mechanicals including wiring. I agree that it should be Town owned equipment. MMCTV pays us something on the order of \$13,000 a year in rent. Radiate pays us \$400 in rent. If we go forward with the Town Center renovation and even if we don't, MMCTV is a high value tenant. We'll try to keep them as long as we can.

Miller: Does the overall plan for the building include a real upgrade or increase in fiber optic cable or whatever?

Forward: We haven't gotten that far. My assumption is that we're talking about new windows, new mechanicals, maybe reuse the boiler.

Hill: I have a concern about the Town buying a bunch of stuff, and we don't know what it is. Then it has to be somebody's job to manage it and fix it and inventory it. If you try to make your meeting rooms accessible to everybody and you do it at the time that you're renovating, it's time to do it. Whoever is going to manage and own this equipment needs to know something about the equipment. When we move forward, we need to contemplate what infrastructure do we need to make our spaces accessible to things like cameras.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Furr abstains. Motion approved.

Consideration of accepting amended amount for Vermont Historic Preservation Grant

Furr: We were originally awarded \$14,801. The amount has now been increased to \$20,000. Josh signed the agreement so we can sign the contract with a contractor. This is a request for a formal motion from the Selectboard to accept the grant at \$20,000.

Miller moved to approve the State Historic Preservation grant totaling \$20,000 for repairs to the steeples at the Library and use of the Town Center Reserve for the matching funds and to name Town Manager Josh Arneson as the authorized representative. Sander seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes, Warrants and Purchase Orders

Minutes:

Miller: I have a correction of 5/1/23 minutes, on pg12 halfway down it should say “Williston Community Center.”

*Miller moved to approve the Minutes of 5/1/23 as amended. Sander seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Miller, Sander in favor. Hill abstains. Motion approved.*

*Sander moved to approve the Minutes of 5/9/23 as presented. Miller seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.*

Warrants:

*Sander moved to approve the general warrants as presented from 5/15/2023. Miller seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.*

Purchase Orders:

*Miller moved to approve PO# 4434 to Cody Chevrolet for New 2024 Chevrolet 2500HP Crew Cab Pickup not to exceed \$35,305.00. Forward seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.*

*Sander moved to approve PO# 4435 to S.D. Ireland Brothers for Paving Bid not to exceed \$324,939.30. Forward seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.*

*Sander moved to approve PO# 4514 to County of Chittenden for FY23 County Taxes not to exceed \$25,697.00. Forward seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.*

*Sander moved to approve PO# 4605 to Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District for Quarter 4 Education Taxes not to exceed \$1,598,733.66. Miller seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.*

*Sander moved to approve PO# 4618 to Hunger Valley Construction for Restoration of Library Exterior plus contingency not to exceed \$62,905.00. Forward seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.*

*Sander moved to approve PO# 4616 to RHR Smith & Company for FY23 Audit not to exceed \$14,500.00. Miller seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.*

Discuss Items for Next Agenda

*Personnel Issue

*Appointments for ACFC and Tree Warden

- *Constable & Parking
- *Committee Recognitions
- *Human Resources Consulting via VLCT
- *Schedule a public Selectboard meeting on the future Richmond Policing

Executive Session: Agreement with Police Union

Sander moved to find that premature public knowledge about negotiations with the New England PBA would cause the Town or person to suffer a substantial disadvantage.

Forward seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Miller moved that we enter into executive session to discuss negotiations with New England PBA under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(1)(b) and to invite Town Manager Josh Arneson into the executive session. Sander seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Sander moved to exit Executive Session. Miller seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Sander moved to approve the Police Department wages as presented, which match the Williston Police Department, contingent upon the mutual consent of the Town and the Union regarding temporary support from the Hinesburg Police Department. Hill seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Forward not in favor. Motion approved.

Adjourn

Sander moved to adjourn. Miller seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander in favor. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at: 11:05 pm

Chat file from Zoom:

00:19:09 Jenna Baker: Such wonderful news to hear that Dan B. is out of the running. The hiring committee wasn't even told of his arrest until after they interviewed him and there was obviously enough evidence for him to be arrested in the first place. Maybe he could remain an officer but in no way is it appropriate for him to be the Chief. States Attorneys choose not to bring guilty people to trial all the time, for various reasons.

00:24:18 Judy Rosovsky: Thanks SB!

00:28:29 Judy Rosovsky: The CC met and voted to recommend that the SB re-appoint Caitlin as one of our two delegates to the ACFC.

00:36:03 Susan Wells: Could Jeff move closer to a mic - he is hard to hear.