

1 **Town of Richmond**  
2 **Selectboard Meeting**  
3 **Minutes of February 17, 2026**  
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5 **Members Present:**

6 Caitlin Filkins, Bard Hill, Greg Rabideau, David Sander, Adam Wood  
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8 **Absent:** None  
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10 **Staff Present:** Josh Arneson, Town Manager; Duncan Wardwell, Deputy Town  
11 Manager; Susanne Parent, Town Clerk; Connie Bona, Finance Director; Keith Osborne,  
12 Town Planner; Kyle Leggett, Assistant Highway Foreman; Jim Feinson, Town Treasurer;  
13 Suzanne Krohn, Librarian  
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15 **Others Present:** Recorded by MMCTV Erin Wagg, 18022822887; Ben Kinnaman, Bob  
16 Galvin; Bruce LaBounty; Chelsye Brooks; Connie van Eeghen; Ella Lavoie; Fran  
17 Huntoon; Gabbi Berthiaume; Gerald Feenan; Heather Hunter; Jayne Couillard; Jean  
18 Haskin; KP Ward; Laurie Dana; Lisa Miller; Marcy Harding; Mary Harrison; Mary  
19 Houle; Matt Crabb; Noa; Paige Kaleita; Rachel- Richard Tom Foundation; Rose's iPad;  
20 Sam Pratt; Scott Silverstein; Steve Coia; Trevor Brooks; Virginia Clarke  
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22 **MMCTV Video:** [https://youtu.be/4Ow6M8-neXk?si=u0a\\_5Gl2boQdoJqT](https://youtu.be/4Ow6M8-neXk?si=u0a_5Gl2boQdoJqT)  
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24 **Call to Order:** 7:00 PM  
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26 **Welcome by:** Wood  
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28 **Public Comment:** Houle acknowledged the passing of Reverend Jackson, a significant  
29 leader in not only the black community, but in the nation as he was an icon in overall  
30 history.  
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32 **Additions, Deletions or Modifications to Agenda:** None  
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34 **Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present**  
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36 **Reminder of upcoming Informational Meeting on February 23, 2026 for items on**  
37 **the March 3, 2026 Town Meeting Australian ballot**

38 Timestamp: 0:01

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40 [ions\\_Special\\_Selectboard\\_Meeting\\_of\\_2-17-26.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/1_Draft_Motions_Special_Selectboard_Meeting_of_2-17-26.pdf)  
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42 Wood provided a reminder about the meeting on Monday, February 23.  
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45 **Announcement of annual outreach for volunteers to apply to serve on Town**  
46 **committees**

47 Timestamp: 0:02

48 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3b\\_Volunteer](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3b_Volunteer)  
49 [Outreach\\_for\\_Committee\\_Membership.pdf](#)

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51 Wood reviewed the annual outreach for volunteers to apply for many Committee  
52 openings. The vacancies are on the Town website:

53 <https://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-meetings/vacancies-committees-commissions>

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56 **Consideration of adopting a resolution to Condemn Surveillance and Enforcement**  
57 **Practices of Federal Immigration Agencies**

58 Timestamp: 0:03

59 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3c\\_Richmon](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3c_Richmon)  
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62 Houle thought the Selectboard was getting over its skis by considering a resolution to  
63 condemn surveillance and enforcement practices of a federal agency. It does not say  
64 non-binding. Wood summarized the debate about whether the actions they have seen  
65 publicly are illegal or not. Wood stated that they are voicing an opinion of some  
66 members of the Town to condemn this because they disagree with the practices.

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68 Filkins stated that if they do not say something right now, then that is going against  
69 democracy. They do not have the right to enforce federal laws, however this says that  
70 they will not be supportive of any of those actions.

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72 LaBounty stated that the Selectboard is not representing everybody. LaBounty asked  
73 what is the Selectboard going to do if it happens. Filkins stated that she has been  
74 advocating for this resolution as a means to put on paper in this Town what we will do  
75 and stand by it. Filkins stated that there's folks that are already scared, not feeling safe,  
76 looking to the Town to decide how they can work and be a part of this community.

77 Houle stated that post-911, Congress passed the Patriot Act, which allows exactly what  
78 they're talking about. Sander stated that he has family members who are living in fear  
79 and here legally. Wood summarized how it reaches across State boundaries and  
80 generations of legal status.

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82 Rabideau stated that he wanted the resolution to be refined and appropriate. Rabideau  
83 summarized his experiences that as a border State they do provide necessary function,  
84 and the people were professional and patriotic. Rabideau stated that if a law enforcement  
85 has interest in people, they go to a judge/grand jury to probable cause. Rabideau stated  
86 that he wrote a letter to Becca Balint and our two senators to ask them to do something  
87 about it. Rabideau referred to the useful information provided by the Police Chief last  
88 meeting. Rabideau summarized his general discomfort with this being Town business.  
89 Rabideau suggested that some of this may need a little tune up before they made this

90 public policy. Hill stated that it is reasonable to let it season a bit and suggested meeting  
91 with Filkins. Filkins stated that they are here to uphold the values and the rights of  
92 people and continue to do things with Chief Cohen here and support people that need  
93 more information or who want to have a different opinion conversation.

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95 van Eeghen reviewed how the Selectboard has drawn more closely to civic issues in the  
96 past 5-6 years. van Eeghen stated that it is Town business on the assumption that the rule  
97 of law works in this country and if they begin to suspect that it does not work, they have  
98 an obligation to speak up.

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100 *Filkins moved to adopt a resolution to Condemn Surveillance and Enforcement Practices*  
101 *of Federal Immigration Agencies. Sander seconded. Roll Call Vote follows discussion.*

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103 Filkins stated that she appreciated Rabideau's comments and if this moves forward there  
104 are still amendments they can make.

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106 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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### 109 **Presentation of FY25 Financial Audit**

110 Timestamp: 0:37

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115 [own\\_of\\_Richmond\\_Vermont\\_Audit\\_report.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3d1_2025_Town_of_Richmond_Vermont_Audit_report.pdf)

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118 [own\\_of\\_Richmond\\_Vermont\\_Management\\_Letter.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3d2_2025_Town_of_Richmond_Vermont_Management_Letter.pdf)

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121 [own\\_of\\_Richmond\\_Vermont\\_CTG\\_SAS\\_114\\_Letter.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3d3_2025_Town_of_Richmond_Vermont_CTG_SAS_114_Letter.pdf)

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123 Hunter presented the FY25 Financial Audit report from the information in the packet.  
124 Hunter stated that the Town has the highest unqualified audit opinion out there so kudos  
125 to your team for getting that designation. Hunter added that there were no management  
126 letter recommendations for the Town this year as far as best practice improvements.  
127 Sander stated that a clean audit wasn't a coincidence, it was thoughtful planning with  
128 Town staff, auditors, finance director, and this board.

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### 131 **Review of Second Quarter Financials for FY26**

132 Timestamp: 0:58

133 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3e1\\_QTR\\_2](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3e1_QTR_2_FY26_General_Fund_Budget_Status_02-02-26.pdf)  
134 [FY26 General Fund Budget Status 02-02-26.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3e1_QTR_2_FY26_General_Fund_Budget_Status_02-02-26.pdf)  
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137 [FY26 Highway Fund Budget Status 02-02-26.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3e2_QTR_2_FY26_Highway_Fund_Budget_Status_02-02-26.pdf)  
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140 [FY26 Fund 10 11 Financials 02-02-26.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3e3_QTR_2_FY26_Fund_10_11_Financials_02-02-26.pdf)  
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143 [FY26 Fund 10 11 Financials 02-02-26.xlsx](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3e4_QTR_2_FY26_Fund_10_11_Financials_02-02-26.xlsx)  
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146 [FY26 Backup 1 Delinquent Tax Report.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3e5_QTR_2_FY26_Backup_1_Delinquent_Tax_Report.pdf)  
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149 [FY26 Backup 2 Education Tax Report.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3e6_QTR_2_FY26_Backup_2_Education_Tax_Report.pdf)  
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152 [FY26 Backup 3 Tax Revenue Report.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3e7_QTR_2_FY26_Backup_3_Tax_Revenue_Report.pdf)  
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155 [FY26 Backup 4 Tax Cash Receipts.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3e8_QTR_2_FY26_Backup_4_Tax_Cash_Receipts.pdf)  
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158 [FY26 Backup 5 Tax Year Status.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3e9_QTR_2_FY26_Backup_5_Tax_Year_Status.pdf)  
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160 Arneson presented the financial actuals for the first six months of the fiscal year. In  
161 general, they are looking at ~50% of expenses. Revenue is going to show ~100-110%  
162 due to some people paying their taxes ahead of time. Delinquencies haven't been a very  
163 big problem for the Town for the last number of years. Police continue to be very much  
164 under budget due to some vacancy savings. Fire Department is also at about 27% of the  
165 budget. The Highway Department is at about 52% of their wages through the end of  
166 December, and that's going to continue to increase with overtime in January and  
167 February. Sand is showing it's over budget and there is a pretty good salt shortage right  
168 now. Highway is mixing in some sand to some of the paved roads to cut back on the  
169 amount of salt used.  
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172 **Consideration of setting a hearing date to approve the FY27 Capital Plan**  
173 Timestamp: 1:02  
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175 [pital Plan Narrative Draft 02-17-26\\_DRAFT.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3f_FY27_Capital_Plan_Narrative_Draft_02-17-26_DRAFT.pdf)

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Arneson reviewed how the Finance Director, Bona, has done a great job reinventing Capital Plan over the last 4-5 years. It never used to be in such a nice, presentable manner

*Sander moved to set a hearing date of Monday, March 16, 2026 for the FY27 Capital Plan. Hill seconded.*

*Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

**Public Hearing to review the changes made by the Selectboard at their January 21, 2026 meeting to the 2026 Town Plan that will be voted on by the voters on Town Meeting Day, March 3, 2026**

Timestamp: 1:05

[https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3g1\\_-\\_NOTICE\\_OF\\_PUBLIC\\_HEARING-SB\\_2.17.2026.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3g1_-_NOTICE_OF_PUBLIC_HEARING-SB_2.17.2026.pdf)

[https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3g2\\_-\\_Memo\\_-\\_Need\\_for\\_an\\_additional\\_Town\\_Plan\\_Public\\_Hearing.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3g2_-_Memo_-_Need_for_an_additional_Town_Plan_Public_Hearing.pdf)

[https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3g3\\_-\\_Town\\_Plan\\_PC\\_Final\\_Report\\_2.17.26.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3g3_-_Town_Plan_PC_Final_Report_2.17.26.pdf)

[https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3g4\\_-\\_Town\\_Plan\\_2026\\_FLU\\_section\\_edits\\_for\\_change\\_to\\_CCRPC\\_FLU\\_map\\_2.4.26.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3g4_-_Town_Plan_2026_FLU_section_edits_for_change_to_CCRPC_FLU_map_2.4.26.pdf)

[https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3g5\\_4.0\\_-\\_TOWN\\_PLAN\\_2026\\_FOURTH\\_DRAFT\\_EDITS\\_CLEAN\\_1.21.26\\_-\\_SB\\_Changes.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3g5_4.0_-_TOWN_PLAN_2026_FOURTH_DRAFT_EDITS_CLEAN_1.21.26_-_SB_Changes.pdf)

Wood reviewed that the January 21 hearing change the map that was proposed by the Steering committee and reverting back to the CCRPC map. They cannot make any changes tonight as it is warned on the Town Meeting ballot.

*Hill moved to open the public hearing to consider the 2026 Town Plan Update. Filkins seconded.*

*Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

Clarke reviewed that rationale for doing this was at the previous Selectboard meeting and the Planning Commission reported that they are good to go. LaBounty requested that the new map is going to be printed as part of the Town Plan document. Osborne confirmed that would be completed by the end of the week.

219 *Sander moved to close the public hearing for the 2026 Town Plan Update. Rabideau*  
220 *seconded.*  
221 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
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223 *Sander moved to approve the fourth draft of the 2026 Town Plan to include the CCRPC*  
224 *FLU Map as the Richmond FLU Map 2.0. Further, the Selectboard directs the Richmond*  
225 *Planning Commission to forward what is now considered the Final 2026 Town Plan draft*  
226 *to Regional Planning for consideration and adoption. Rabideau seconded.*  
227 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
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230 **Public Hearing to consider amendments to the Traffic Ordinance to increase the**  
231 **parking penalty on certain roads, add a waiver penalty, add penalty schedule, add**  
232 **authority for Richmond Community Officer to issue parking tickets, and clarify**  
233 **parking ticket appeal process**  
234 Timestamp: 1:16  
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236 [Amendments to Traffic Ordinance 2-17-26 for paper.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3h1_Warning)  
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239 [Ordinance draft as of 1-15-25.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3h2_Traffic)  
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241 *Filkins moved to open the public hearing to consider amendments to the Traffic*  
242 *Ordinance. Sander seconded.*  
243 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
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245 *Sander moved to forgo reading the entire ordinance aloud and read only the title. Hill*  
246 *seconded.*  
247 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander in favor. Wood not in favor. Motion*  
248 *approved.*  
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250 Arneson presented the changes in Section 9 highlighted in red from the packet. The meat  
251 of it is to increase parking ticket penalties from \$50 to \$150 on certain roads shown on a  
252 map detailed on Cochran, Dugway, Duxbury and West White Hill Roads. There are  
253 waiver penalties so if people pay their ticket within 30 days, then they would pay \$100  
254 for a \$150 ticket and \$30 for a \$50 ticket. It also adds authority for the Richmond  
255 Community Service Officer to issue parking tickets. Arneson highlighted the spots  
256 where there would be signs that state the increased parking fees. Arneson reviewed that  
257 they don't want to write a bunch of parking tickets, they just want people to park in a safe  
258 manner.  
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260 *Hill moved to close the public hearing to consider amendments to the Traffic Ordinance.*  
261 *Rabideau seconded.*

262 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
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264 *Hill moved to adopt the amendments to the Traffic Ordinance as presented. Sander*  
265 *seconded.*  
266 *Roll Call Vote follow discussion.*

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268 Wood reviewed the posting process and that this would not go into effect until April 18,  
269 2026.

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271 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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274 **Consideration of approving a grant application to fund a roof replacement at the**  
275 **Richmond Free Library**

276 Timestamp: 1:32

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278 [acilities\\_Preservation\\_Initiative\\_Grants\\_Overview\\_RFL.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3i1_Public_Facilities_Preservation_Initiative_Grants_Overview_RFL.pdf)

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281 [\\_Letter\\_of\\_Support\\_26docx.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3i2_Trustees_Letter_of_Support_26docx.pdf)

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286 Dana presented the request to approve an application for a grant through the Vermont  
287 Department of Libraries. The Library is proposing the replacement of slate on the  
288 Library roof which is about 150 years old. The Library got an estimate for two options,  
289 \$265,000 for replacing the roof or \$100,000 for repairing the roof but recognizing that  
290 would be every 5 years or so. The application deadline is March 31, and they will be  
291 notified this summer. This is a reimbursement grant so the Town would have to outlay  
292 their funds and then submit the invoices. Arneson reviewed that there is no acceptance  
293 until they get the actual grant.

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295 *Hill moved to approve the grant application to the U.S. Department of Housing and*  
296 *Urban Development Public Facilities Preservation Initiative Grants for Small, Rural*  
297 *Public Libraries for funding to replace the roof of the Richmond Free Library. Sander*  
298 *seconded.*

299 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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302 **Consideration of approving a request from Project All Together Now for \$3,000**  
303 **from the Community Well Being budget line**

304 Timestamp: 1:35

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306 [\\_Selectboard\\_Update\\_Feb\\_2026.docx.pdf](#)

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308 Lavoie presented how they host events to build connections within the community that  
309 would help youth with mental health and break the stigma around mental illness. The  
310 money will go toward resources and stipends for youth interns. The program is  
311 throughout the Mount Mansfield School District with several interns from the Town of  
312 Richmond.

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314 *Filkins moved to approve the request by Project All Together Now for \$3,000 from the*  
315 *Community Wellbeing budget line. Sander seconded.*

316 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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319 **Consideration of approving a request to use funds from the Conservation Reserve**  
320 **Fund for a public wildlife education event focused on the negative impacts of**  
321 **rodenticide**

322 Timestamp: 1:38

323 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3k\\_Richmon](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3k_Richmond)  
324 [d\\_Rodenticide\\_CRF\\_App\\_1-14-26.pdf](#)

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326 Galvin reviewed the \$400 request for a couple of local Conservation Commissions to  
327 host cross-town events to bring people together around conservation and wildlife related  
328 issues. The request from Richmond is greater than other towns based on the population.  
329 Somewhere between March and April would be the desired time of the event. Hill  
330 suggested holding the event before the Fall when the rodents tend to come into houses  
331 and to record it to make it available to those who cannot attend.

332

333 *Rabideau moved to approve the use of \$400.00 from the Conservation Reserve Fund for*  
334 *a public wildlife education event focused on the negative impacts of rodenticide. Sander*  
335 *seconded.*

336 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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339 **Consideration of approving the Richard's Ride bike ride which includes closing**  
340 **Cochran Rd. from Cochran's Ski Area to Dugway Rd. from 11am – 1pm on**  
341 **Saturday, May 16**

342 Timestamp: 1:43

343 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/31\\_Select\\_Brd](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/31_Select_Brd)  
344 [Request\\_from\\_RTF\\_for\\_Cochran\\_Rd.pdf](#)

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346 Ward summarized that this is the 6<sup>th</sup> year she has presented this request and it is the same  
347 as in the past. Community, joy, and adventure are the big themes. They have had over

348 200 bikes donated and give them to kids with a fit checked helmet. Richmond Rescue  
349 provides CPR skills training. The Kelly Brush Foundation shares adaptive bikes to  
350 instruct children. They request a road closure because the river trail is not as reliable as it  
351 used to be.

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353 *Filkins moved to approve the closure of Cochran's Rd., from Cochran's Ski Area to*  
354 *Dugway Rd., from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, on Saturday May 16, 2026 for the Children's*  
355 *Bike Ride portion of the Richard's Ride event. Sander seconded.*

356 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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359 **Review of a request for an easement for 1) an existing wastewater line that serves 10**  
360 **East Main St. but runs under the municipal parking lot at 27 Bridge St. and 2) an**  
361 **existing concrete pad for dumpsters at 10 East Main St. that is partially on the 27**  
362 **Bridge St. property, possible executive session**

363 Timestamp: 1:47

364 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3m\\_Greensea](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3m_Greensea)  
365 [Easement Request and site plan.pdf](#)

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367 Kinnaman, the property owner and CEO of the business inside the building, summarized  
368 the letter in the packet. There are some Title objections against the property, one related  
369 to the lack of easement on the sewer line that runs under a portion of the Town municipal  
370 parking lot, and the other one is the dumpsters sitting on a concrete pad. There is a draft  
371 easement written and they want to understand any conditions from the Selectboard. They  
372 are asking for a 10-foot corridor on top of the sewer line which would encompass the  
373 dumpster pads.

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375 Rabideau stated that he hopes in doing this that they do not reduce the amount of  
376 available parking. Arneson suggested adding consideration for the attorney fees incurred  
377 by the Town. Kinnaman confirmed those requests were reasonable and he just wants to  
378 make sure they have a path forward. Kinnaman reviewed that he will provide the Town  
379 attorney with the formal easement and he will be back at the next meeting. Arneson  
380 confirmed that he will talk to the attorney about making sure there is parking allowed  
381 over it, the covering of attorney fees and if there is an excavation then it triggers a  
382 straightening of the line.

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385 **Update on an agreement for engineering for the Southview Stormwater 3-Acre**  
386 **Permit**

387 Timestamp: 2:00

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389 Arneson stated that the engineer knows they want to submit the NOI by summer or  
390 sooner. They are going to have a meeting with the State next week.

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393 **Consideration of approval of a liquor licenses and outside consumption permit for**

394 **Sweet Simone's**

395 Timestamp: 2:01

396 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3o\\_Sweet\\_Si](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3o_Sweet_Si)

397 [mone s Liquor License Application.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3o_Sweet_Si)

398

399 *Sander moved to approve First and Third Class liquor licenses and an outside*

400 *consumption permit for Sweet Simone's, LLC. Hill seconded.*

401 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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404 **Update on Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission's Municipal Elected**

405 **Official Forum on 3/30/2026**

406 Timestamp: 2:03

407 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3p\\_Letter\\_on](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3p_Letter_on)

408 [\\_March\\_30\\_Municipal\\_Elected\\_Official\\_Forum.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3p_Letter_on)

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410 Wood reviewed how he and Filkins attended it last time and it was a casual discussion

411 between different boards and government officials at the Municipal level in Chittenden

412 County. Hill suggested that the Chair and Vice-Chair attend. Wardwell stated that they

413 have to register by March 23, so they have a meeting after Town Meeting Day to decide.

414 Arneson confirmed he will put this on the Selectboard agenda for March 16, 2026.

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417 **Filing of rule with the Selectboard to prevent the abuse of highways from November**

418 **15th – May 15th of the following year**

419 Timestamp: 2:06

420 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3q\\_2026\\_We](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3q_2026_We)

421 [ight\\_Limit\\_Letter.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/02/3q_2026_We)

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423 Arneson stated that this is a rule VTRANS puts out every year that is filed with the

424 Selectboard and the Highway Foreman posts the roads as soon as appropriate. There's

425 really no action, just an acknowledgement of notifying the Selectboard and he will post in

426 the public places tomorrow

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429 **Approval of Minutes, Purchase Orders, and Warrants**

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431 **Minutes:**

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433 *Hill moved to approve the minutes of February 2 meeting, February 7 Special meeting,*

434 *and February 7 Special Budget Informational meeting. Sander seconded.*  
435 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander in favor. Wood abstains. Motion*  
436 *approved.*

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438 **Purchase Orders:**

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440 *Hill moved to approve purchase order number 5185 to Allegiance Trucks for the*  
441 *purchase of a tandem axle truck in the amount of \$194,763.00. Sander seconded.*

442 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

443

444 *Hill moved to approve purchase order number 5186 to Viking Cives for the purchase of a*  
445 *dump body and plow package in the amount of \$109,000.00. Filkins seconded.*

446 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

447

448 *Hill seconded move to approve purchase order number 5187 to RR Charlebois for the*  
449 *purchase of a single axle truck in the amount of \$152,419.00. Rabideau seconded.*

450 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

451

452 *Hill moved to approve purchase order number 5188 to Viking Cives for the purchase of a*  
453 *dump body and plow package in the amount of \$112,800.00. Rabideau seconded.*

454 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

455

456 *Filkins moved to amend purchase order number 5299 to Toyne, Inc to the amount of*  
457 *\$470,621.68. Sander seconded.*

458 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

459

460 *Hill moved to approve purchase order number 5303 to RHR for the FY26 Audit in the*  
461 *amount of \$31,100.00 to be reduced by a future contribution from the Water Sewer*  
462 *Commission. Sander seconded.*

463 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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465 **Warrants:**

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467 *Filkins moved to approve the warrants from the February 17, 2026 meeting. Sander*  
468 *seconded.*

469 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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472 **Next Meeting Agenda**

473 -Easement

474 -Resources for Town Meeting Day

475 -Resolution procedure on Town Meeting Day

476 -Moderator review of Town Meeting Day

477 -Possible petition for stop signs at Bridge, Cochran Huntington, Thompson Rds

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479 **Adjourn**

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481 *Sander moved to adjourn. Rabideau seconded.*

482 *Roll Call Vote: Filkins, Hill, Rabideau, Wood in favor. Sander not in favor. Motion*  
483 *approved.*

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486 **Meeting adjourned at: 9:33 PM**

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488 **Chat file from Zoom:**

489 00:33:22 Connie van Eeghen, she/her: May I speak before the agenda item is  
490 closed?

491 00:41:07 Connie van Eeghen, she/her: Thank you to the Selectboard - I am so glad  
492 we an have these conversations here

493 00:57:51 Jim Feinson: Thank you Connie for such excellent results!

494 01:32:12 pkaleita: There is a local company that matches historic slate

495 01:32:31 Jean Haskin: Reacted to "There is a local com..." with 👍

496 01:46:38 iPhone: This sounds really interesting, will you be able to record  
497 this if folks can't attend? (Vins presentation)

498 02:19:25 Chelsye Brooks: 132,000

499 02:19:40 Chelsye Brooks: Guesstimate

500 02:19:56 Chelsye Brooks: That's pretty close.

501 02:20:21 Chelsye Brooks: I just remember that if we had kept the truck and  
502 sold it to me for a food truck we would have gotten 6000 less of a settlement.

503 02:23:25 Chelsye Brooks: Kachow.

504 02:23:58 Chelsye Brooks: I've been thinking about my long lost food truck.  
505 It's on my mind often

506 02:25:22 Steve Coia: When will you be discussing the intersection Cochran,  
507 Thompson, Huntington, Bridge?

508 02:31:13 Rose's iPad: If I understand the intersection.... Decision made. when do  
509 they go up?

510 02:37:01 Rose's iPad: Thank you

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