

1 **Town of Richmond**
2 **Selectboard Meeting**
3 **Minutes of April 6, 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:** Filkins left a 7:40 PM
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10 **Staff Present:** Josh Arneson, Town Manager; Duncan Wardwell, Deputy Town
11 Manager; Susanne Parent, Town Clerk; Keith Osborne, Town Planner; Peter Gosselin,
12 Highway Foreman
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14 **Others Present:** Recorded by MMCTV Erin Wagg, Chelsye Brooks, Connie van
15 Eeghen, Corali Bisbee, Dan Martin, Erin Farr, Jazmyn- Round Church Women's Run,
16 Jeffrey's iPhone, jilld, John Linn, Marcy Harding, Marshall Paulsen, Mary Houle, MG,
17 Nick George, Noa, Steven Brownlee, Trevor Brooks, Zach
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19 **MMCTV Video:** <https://youtu.be/TqtGAmozAVs?si=ikuJDqMDZCBafX1U>
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21 **Call to Order:** 7:03 PM
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23 **Welcome by:** Wood
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25 **Public Comment:** Houle recommended Mow N Maintain for the mowing contract as
26 they are extremely courteous and careful around the flowers.
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28 **Additions, Deletions or Modifications to Agenda:** None
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31 **Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present**
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34 **Reminder of annual outreach for volunteers to apply to serve on Town committees**

35 Timestamp: 0:01

36 https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3a_Volunteer
37 [_Outreach_for_Committee_Membership.pdf](#)
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39 Wood reviewed that if anyone is interested there is a list on the Town website:

40 <https://www.richmondvt.gov/boards-meetings/vacancies-committees-commissions>
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42 Arneson stated that April 8th is the deadline to apply for most committee's expiring terms.
43 Wood stated that there are a lot of vacant seats which can be filled anytime. Arneson
44 stated that there is nothing in the ethics policy that says spouses cannot serve on the same
45 committee.
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Reminder of Special Meeting on April 16, 2026 regarding a vote to reconsider the traffic ordinance amendment that would allow for stop signs to be installed on Huntington Rd. and Bridge St. where these roads intersect with Thompson Rd. and Cochran Rd

Timestamp: 0:02

https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3b1_ELECTION_SPECIAL_MTG_WARNING_SPRING_2026_v2_-_clean_03-13-26_-_signed.pdf

https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3b2_Special_Town_Meeting_Explained.pdf

Wood reviewed that the Selectboard has the Informational Meeting last week and the April 16 meeting is the last day to vote. There is early voting so you can vote anytime until April 16. Arneson summarized that the Town Clerk’s Office is open for voting, Mondays through Thursdays (8am to 4pm) and Fridays (8 AM to Noon) and on April 16th (7 AM – 7 PM)

Announcement of promotion of Matthew Cohen to position of Richmond Police Chief

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Arneson announced that Matthew Cohen has been promoted to the position of Richmond Police Chief. Arneson summarized that along with Comfort Canine Duke, Cohen has led community style policing throughout Richmond.

Cohen read a statement: “It is a profound honor to be appointed as your next Chief. I want to extend my gratitude to the Selectboard and the residents of Richmond for placing your trust in me to lead the Department. Richmond is a special community defined by its vibrant spirit and strong connections. My commitment to you is one of transparent, approachable and proactive leadership. Together, we will build one on the Department's solid foundation to ensure a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone who lives, works and visits our beautiful Town. I'm eager to hit the ground running, listen to your priorities and work alongside our dedicated officers to navigate a path ahead. The future of the Richmond Police Department is incredibly bright, and I am proud to serve as your Chief.”

Arneson stated that there will be a swearing in on April 29, 2026. Wood stated that he was very impressed over the last year with the initiative showed coming to the Selectboard with solutions to problems instead of explaining problems.

90 **Discussion with Police Chief Matthew Cohen regarding the Richmond Police**
91 **Department's role if there were to be a protest regarding an action by ICE**
92 **(Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agents**

93 Timestamp: 0:07

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95 Cohen stated that he is not looking at individual officer actions, per se, but decisions for
96 the Department on where to lead. Cohen summarized that on March 11 (in South
97 Burlington) law enforcement chose to maintain public safety during hostile and tense
98 moments between protests and ICE agents. Cohen stated that once a judge says there is a
99 warrant, that is when local law enforcement policy says that they can provide aid or get
100 out of the way. Cohen reviewed that it is against the law to put law enforcement officers
101 in between the federal government and our civilians. Cohen stated that if someone calls
102 Richmond Police and asks them to be in the middle to stop ICE from doing their actions,
103 they can't do that step. Cohen reviewed that the policy is written for crowd control, or
104 local law enforcement can be in the middle for public safety. The Police can be on the
105 outside of the crowd and just be traffic control around the crowd. Cohen summarized
106 that he would direct his officers to provide mutual aid to other towns by either
107 performing outside traffic control or by covering other calls for service in that town.

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109 Cohen confirmed that he will direct his officers to be known and make sure their name
110 tag is visible and their face is visible.

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112 Rabideau stated that they only have one Chief and a few Officers hired to keep an eye on
113 Richmond. Rabideau encouraged citizens to review the information on the website
114 (<https://www.richmondvt.gov/news/post/resources-for-interactions-with-federal-agents>)

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116 Filkins recommended that the Richmond Police watch from the perimeter and ensure
117 everyone's safety and keep the peace.

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119 Houle stated that there are laws for the State of Vermont that define what Police
120 Departments can do with cooperation and mutual aid. There's only so much the
121 Selectboard can do to direct a Police Department.

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123 Cohen stated that he is happy to receive feedback at any point because it will help them
124 make a decision and game plan ahead of time.

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126 Wood summarized that he is impressed with the current policy of providing mutual aid
127 for support but keeping a distance from policy decisions that do not line up with our
128 policies. Wood stated that the Selectboard will put this back on the agenda for the first
129 meeting in May. Sander encouraged that open dialogue should continue.

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132 **Consideration of reducing the size of the Planning Commission from seven members**

133 **to five members and adding one alternate member**

134 Timestamp: 0:37

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136 Wood reviewed that this request came from the Planning Commission. They currently
137 have five of the seven seats filled, making it challenging to get a quorum. Osborne
138 confirmed that the State Statute allows for as low as three and as high as nine. Osborne
139 confirmed that the Alternate would serve in place of an absent member.

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141 *Sander moved to reduce this size of the Planning Commission from seven members to five*
142 *members and to add a seat for an alternate member. Rabideau seconded.*

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

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146 **Consideration of approving request to place signs in the Town Right of Way for the**
147 **Round Church Women's Run**

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150 [und_Church_Women_s_Run_07-25-26.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3f_SIGN_Round_Church_Women_s_Run_07-25-26.pdf)

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152 Jazmyn reviewed the request for one sign to let the community know that they will be
153 hosting a race. Jazmyn confirmed that the signs would go up no more than seven days
154 before the event.

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156 *Sander moved to approve the request by the Round Church Women's Run to place*
157 *signage in the Town's Right of Way to promote the event for two weeks prior to the event*
158 *which will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026. Hill seconded.*

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

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162 **Consideration of renewing an agreement with Umiak for use of the ladder to exit the**
163 **Winooski River and the use of one parking space at Overocker Park**

164 Timestamp: 0:44

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166 [004_Agreement_With_Umiak_for_Ladder_Use_3-31-26.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3g_RID25-004_Agreement_With_Umiak_for_Ladder_Use_3-31-26.pdf)

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168 Brownlee reviewed how Umiak wants to keep maintaining the steps up from the
169 riverbank. The steps were in great shape when he pulled them out last year and they will
170 do an inspection before they are installed. He will notify the Town when he plans to
171 install them (~middle of June). Brownlee also requested the availability to park a trailer
172 at Overocker's during the times of operation. Brownlee confirmed that Umiak will
173 provide a \$15 rate for citizens to use the shuttle service. Brownlee confirmed that they
174 carry general business insurance for all participants.

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177 *Hill moved to approve the Agreement for Facilities Use between the Town of Richmond*
178 *and Umiak as presented and/or modified by mutual agreement. Rabideau seconded*
179 *Roll Call Vote: Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Filkins absent. Motion approved.*

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182 **Update on progress to submit a Notice of Intent for the Southview Stormwater**
183 **Permit**

184 Timestamp: 0:48

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186 Arneson reviewed that he had a conversation with Watershed Engineering and they are
187 on track to get the Notice of Intent completed and submitted by the end of June. There is
188 one wrinkle in the State wanting to memorialize the disconnections on private property
189 for perpetuity. Arneson stated that they might be able to add one chamber to one of those
190 structures to treat some more storm water without being too costly. If they have to add a
191 whole new chamber that is \$100,000 per chamber. Another option is to ask the State for
192 a waiver to say they cannot treat the additional half-acre of stormwater, which is a \$7,500
193 one-time penalty. There will be more information from the State in a week or two.

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195 Wood reviewed that the disconnections become permanent encumbrances to the property.
196 Any driveway pieces or large lawns are going to require an easement. Hill observed that
197 if somebody removes or builds a garage it changes the impervious surface of a property,
198 so it is virtually impossible to regulate the cubic or square yards of impervious surfaces
199 and drainage.

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202 **Discussion of proposal from the Andrews Community Forest Committee regarding**
203 **development and maintenance of a standalone visitor rules document for the**
204 **Andrews Community Forest which would be separate from the Management Plan**

205 Timestamp: 0:53

206 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3i1_ACFC](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3i1_ACFC_Rules_Document_Proposal.pdf)
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210 [-Community-Forest-MPlan-FINAL-adopted-11-19-18-small-file-size-31.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3i2_Andrews-Community-Forest-MPlan-FINAL-adopted-11-19-18-small-file-size-31.pdf)

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212 Wood summarized that the ACFC would like to setup a set of rules or expectations for
213 using the Town forest separate from the Management Plan. There is a strict process to
214 amend the Management Plan.

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216 Pratt estimated that the ACFC is one meeting away from being done with the
217 Management Plan. Anytime they update the Management Plan it requires approval from
218 the Selectboard and the Vermont Land Trust. The ACFC thought it would be easier to

219 have a separate document for visitor rules in the forest. Pratt outlined that the ACFC
220 could be an advisory body that brings recommendations to the Selectboard for their
221 approval or the Selectboard could empower the ACFC to make and post the new changes.

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223 Rabideau stated that he is in favor of maintaining this independently as long as it is
224 directly in the spirit of the Management Plan. Hill agreed as long as it is congruent with
225 the Management Plan. Hill suggested calling them “guidelines” as “rules” follow a more
226 rigid and prescribed process. Wood felt that “guidelines” sounded optional.

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228 Pratt summarized that everyone would have a chance to weigh in on the Management
229 Plan as it will go to the Conservation Commission and Trails Committee with a possible
230 topic of discussion at a Selectboard meeting. Hill stated that the Management Plan
231 should refer to the rules and the rules should refer to the Management Plan. Wood stated
232 that it sounds like the Selectboard is on board with two separate documents and
233 delegating that to the ACFC.

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236 **Review of request to convey a Town owned segment of Stage Rd. to the owners of**
237 **2040 Stage Rd. with the Town maintaining the Right of Way for Stage Rd. on this**
238 **segment**

239 Timestamp: 1:11

240 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3j1_Request
241 to convey a portion of Stage Rd. to the previous owner of the land.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3j1_Request_to_convey_a_portion_of_Stage_Rd._to_the_previous_owner_of_the_land.pdf)

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243 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3j2_Town_of
244 Richmond-Harding_Martin-Stage_Road-Quit_Claim_Deeds.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3j2_Town_of_Richmond-Harding_Martin-Stage_Road-Quit_Claim_Deeds.pdf)

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246 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3j3_Property
247 Survey_for_Portion_of_Stage_Road_July_1985_.PDF](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3j3_Property_Survey_for_Portion_of_Stage_Road_July_1985_.PDF)

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250 age_Road_Parcel_Survey_March_1990_.PDF.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3j4_2040_Stage_Road_Parcel_Survey_March_1990_.PDF.pdf)

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252 Arneson presented the maps from the packet. Harding asked the Selectboard to consider
253 conveying a small strip of land back to her and her husband, Dan Martin. They gave it to
254 the Town back in 1985. Harding stated that this was not a land sale but a land swap.
255 Harding described and Arneson displayed the land swap survey from 1985. Harding
256 stated that in 1990 their land was surveyed and they learned the Town did not own any
257 portion of the road except for the land they conveyed in 1985. When the maps had to be
258 digitized in 2017, there were questions about where the strip of land was within or
259 extended beyond their five-acre exclusion. In January of this year, GMP approached
260 them about extending the power to the owner of a lot to the north. Harding stated that
261 they do not want this Town-owned strip of land to be a problem for the next owner who

262 might not know the history. Harding is not sure if there is an actual right-of-way for
263 Stage Rd, which is why the Town needs an attorney. Arneson reviewed that the attorney
264 said it would be simple to give a deed to Dan and Marcy. They would now own that land
265 and in exchange, the Town gets an easement to say that it has all the usual rights of a road
266 in that section. Arneson stated that we will ask the attorney about the northern and
267 southern sections of the road. Hill suggested giving the green light to the attorney to
268 figure out the correct way to do this. Wood stated that it doesn't make sense to have a
269 quarter mile of this road be on paper and everything else exists on the ground. Arneson
270 stated that he will ask the attorney to drop a deed to convey the road back and ask the
271 question about an easement for use of the road.

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274 **Review of the Highway Department Summer Work Plan**

275 Timestamp: 1:35

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277 [HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SUMMER 2026 WORK PLAN.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3k_PROPO_HIGHWAY_DEPARTMENT_SUMMER_2026_WORK_PLAN.pdf)

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279 Gosselin reviewed the work plan for the 2026 Summer season as presented in the packet.
280 They have not completed everything in the month of March as Mother Nature has not
281 been working well with them. Gosselin stated that if there are any washouts or major
282 flooding like in 2023 & 2024 then it throws the plan out the door. Gosselin confirmed
283 that they stripe the crosswalks and intersections every single year.

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286 **Consideration of approving a letter of intent for the Grant In Aid Program for** 287 **financial assistance with stormwater projects on municipal roads**

288 Timestamp: 1:45

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290 [t Word - SFY27 Grants in Aid Program Announcement.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/311_Microsoft_Word_-_SFY27_Grants_in_Aid_Program_Announcement.pdf)

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293 [Grants in Aid Letter of Intent - Richmond.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/312_SFY27_Grants_in_Aid_Letter_of_Intent_-_Richmond.pdf)

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298 Arneson reviewed that this is related to a general permit which says they have to treat
299 stormwater on municipal roads. The estimated \$21,000 goes towards that budget.
300 Gosselin picks a few sections every year. Arneson stated that this is a non-competitive
301 grant and every town in Vermont gets some money with a letter of intent.

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303 *Hill moved to approve the letter of intent for the Grant In Aid Program. Sander*
304 *seconded*

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

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308 **Consideration of approving grant applications for the VTrans Municipal Highway**
309 **Class 2 Roadway Paving Grant and the VTrans Municipal Highway Structures**
310 **Grant**

311 Timestamp: 1:47

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313 [TA_60_Annual_Financial_Plan_PDF_Form_-_Richmond.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3m1_SFY27)

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322 [Grant_Application_-_Richmond.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3m4_Paving)

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324 Arneson stated that these are competitive grants and the Town has received a grant two
325 years in a row. Gosselin confirmed that he always applies for these grants that have a
326 \$200,000 cap and a 20% match by the Town.

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328 Gosselin described the Highway Class 2 Roadway Paving Grant line items from the
329 packet which are broken down by square-yard tonnage over a 24-month span.

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331 Gosselin described that the Structures Grant is for 35-inch diameter culverts or greater
332 which includes anything from guardrails to headwalls. Gosselin stated that he has been
333 wanting to upsize one culvert on Stage Rd since 2018.

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335 *Sander moved to approve form TA60, the Certificate of Compliance for Town Road and*
336 *Bridge Standards, and to apply for the Structures and Highway Paving grants and to*
337 *name Pete Gosselin as the Grant Program Manager. Rabideau seconded.*

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

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341 **Consideration of selecting a contractor for grounds maintenance**

342 Timestamp: 1:55

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347 [g_Bid_Summary_2022-2026.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2026/04/3n02_Mowin)

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367 Arneson reviewed that grounds maintenance is basically mowing around the Town
376 grounds. This used to be done by the Highway Department but in 2022 they focused
377 more on highway projects like culverts and ditches. Arneson stated that the Selectboard
378 has not always selected the lowest bidder. Arneson presented the bid history since 2022.
379 Arneson summarized that Mow 'N Maintain has been selected the last 3 years because
380 they have a larger staff, they are located close to Richmond, are responsive to feedback
381 from the Town and the Cemetery Commission. Sander stated that it would be foolish to
382 save \$230 with a new contractor with a new learning curve. Rabideau observed that
383 Mow 'N Maintain knocked off \$1,000 from last year's price. George, from Mow 'N
384 Maintain, stated he has a more efficient mower for Volunteers Green which allowed him
385 to lower his bid.
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388 *Hill moved to award the grounds maintenance bid to Mow 'N Maintain. Sander*
389 *seconded*

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

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Consideration of approval of Local Emergency Management Plan

Timestamp: 2:03

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Arneson reviewed that this is an annual update to make sure all inventories and contacts are correct and current. It is part of receiving additional money from the State in the event of a flood. Arneson stated that it is really a guidebook of communications and resources to an emergency. Arneson stated that he will distribute this to different Town Departments.

Sander moved to approve the Local Emergency Management Plan. Rabideau seconded Roll Call Vote: Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Filkins absent. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes, Purchase Orders, and Warrants

Minutes:

Sander moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2026. Hill seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Filkins absent. Motion approved.

Rabideau moved to approve the minutes of March 31, 2026. Sander seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Filkins absent. Motion approved.

Purchase Orders:

Sander moved to approve purchase order number 5306 to Town of Richmond Water Department for Fire Protection in the amount of \$37,488.00. Rabideau seconded Roll Call Vote: Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Hill & Filkins absent. Motion approved.

Sander moved to approve purchase order number 5311 to M&T / Wilmington Trust for the Millet St. loan for the Highway portion which amounts to \$7,046.26. Rabideau seconded Roll Call Vote: Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Hill & Filkins absent. Motion approved.

434 *Sander moved to approve purchase order number 5312 to the County of Chittenden for*
435 *the 2026 County Tax in the amount of \$29,649.00. Rabideau seconded*
436 *Roll Call Vote: Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Hill & Filkins absent.*
437 *Motion approved.*

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439 *Sander moved to approve purchase order number 5373 to Swenson Granite Co. LLC for*
440 *granite curbing in the amount of \$24,198.00. seconded*
441 *Roll Call Vote: Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Hill & Filkins absent.*
442 *Motion approved.*

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444 **Consideration of approval of use of Town Center Reserve Fund to pay for repairs to**
445 **the Richmond Free Library Elevator**

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447 *Sander moved to approve the use of \$3,800.00 from the Town Center Reserve Fund to*
448 *pay Alpha Elevator Company for repairs to the elevator in the Richmond Free Library.*
449 *Rabideau seconded*
450 *Roll Call Vote: Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Filkins absent. Motion*
451 *approved.*

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453 **Warrants:**

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455 *Sander moved to approve the warrants as presented. Rabideau seconded.*
456 *Roll Call Vote: Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Filkins absent.*
457 *Motion approved.*

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460 **Next Meeting Agenda**

- 461 -Southview stormwater update
- 462 -Stage Rd update
- 463 -Update on Traffic Ordinance vote

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466 **Adjourn**

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468 *Rabideau moved to adjourn. Sander seconded.*
469 *Roll Call Vote: Hill, Rabideau, Sander, Wood in favor. Filkins absent. Motion*
470 *approved.*

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472 **Meeting adjourned at: 9:16 PM**

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474 **Chat file from Zoom:**

475 00:05:02 Trevor Brooks: Can a spouses serve on the same committee?
476 00:08:17 Trevor Brooks: Congratulations

477 00:40:38 Susanne Parent: Congratulations Chief Cohen!
478 00:40:47 Connie van Eeghen, she/her: Reacted to "Congratulations Chie..." with
479 👍
480 01:34:20 Chelsye Brooks: If the town never owned what was "traded"
481 wouldn't that make this whole thing and the quit claim null and void.
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483 Would this affect the ability of homes further up stage road to develop?
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