

Town of Richmond Selectboard Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022

Members Present: Bard Hill, David Sander, Jay Furr, Jeff Forward, June Heston

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Josh Arneson, Town Manager; Duncan Wardwell, Assistant to the Town Manager; Linda Parent, Town Clerk; Connie Bona, Finance Director; Kendall Chamberlin, Water Superintendent; Benjamin Herrick, Interim Police Chief

Others Present: Meeting was recorded by MMCTV, Alexis, Allen Knowles, Bob Reap Brad Elliot, Cara LaBounty, Chris Conant, Denise Noble, Judy Rosovsky, Lisa Kory, Mary Houle, Melissa Wolaver, MMCTV Erin, Rod West, Scott Silverstein, Shannon Kelly, Susan Wells, Vaughan Noble

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Welcome by: Heston

Public Comment:

LaBounty: A few meetings ago I made a request for a publicly warned meeting about NEMRC update. We are paying over \$150,000 for a Town wide re-appraisal. It is not too much to ask for the documentation necessary for a Town resident to compare the pre-and post-appraisal amounts. I am disappointed that I have heard nothing.

Arneson: I have been in contact with Lisa Truchon, our Assessor, and she should be available for the September 19th meeting.

LaBounty: You do not need guidance on transparency. I have shown that it is doable. I would like to read the reasons why it cannot be done if that is the case.

Houle: I distributed some paperwork related to the policing over the State. Shelburne hired that police chief in 2018. The Shelburne News has made requests for exit interviews which should not be confidential. Who owns the cattle that was lost or died?

Furr: It is on Front Porch Forum. It is Maple Wind Farms and there is still one missing.

Houle: I asked for the agenda to include an ordinance for single file bicycles. Each Town can propose to setup a restriction to ride single file on all Town roads. It is not on the agenda.

Arneson: We will discuss it during "Discussion of speed enforcement, education, and bicycle safety on Cochran Rd"

Houle: The Farr's are promoting Agri-tourism at its best. It is a wonderful outside activity and resource. Small scale farming can have a positive effect. I have articles about turning lawns into gardens. I think the Highway Department needs to increase their roadside mowing. Toxic chemicals that are emitted from the wild parsnip can blind

humans and other animals. There are certain weeds like Velvetleaf where the seeds can be viable in the soil for 50 years. Curly Dock seeds can be viable for 70 years. Bindweed has a sister called Devil's gut that spreads when you cut the root. All the stuff along the roadside has gone to full seed and will be viable for 50 years. I asked the Conservation Commission to talk about controlling it next season.

Heston: I wanted to notify the Selectboard about the Town Fair on October 6-7. The early-bird registration has been extended to September 9. The agenda is available online: <https://pheedloop.com/TownFair22/site/home/>

Additions or Deletions to Agenda:

Heston: We will move to the Executive Session first.

Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present

Executive Session: Pending litigation related to Williams Hill Rd.

Furr moved to find that premature general public knowledge of the Selectboard's discussion of a pending civil litigation related to Williams Hill Rd. to which the public body is a party, would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Hill seconded.

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

Furr moved to enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter under the provisions of 1 VSA 313(a)(1) of the Vermont State Statutes and to invite the Town Manager, Josh Arneson, and Attorney Joe McLean into the executive session. Hill seconded.

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

Furr moved to exit executive session. Hill seconded.

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

Hill moved to authorize the Town Attorney to communicate and negotiate with the litigant's attorneys related to Williams Hill Rd litigation in order to reach a settlement. Furr seconded.

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

Consideration of approval of an Eagle Scout project to place signage with Abenaki names in places of importance in the Andrews Community Forest

Heston: This agenda item is moved to later in the meeting when Vaughan Noble is able to present this project.

Consideration of approving liquor licenses

Arneson: This is a first (service of beer and wine) and third (service of liquor) class license application for Salt & Rind Events. The business will be storing beer, wine and liquor out of 13 Jolina Court with the Richmond Community Kitchen. The alcohol will

only be stored in the 13 Jolina Ct building. They will not be serving beer or liquor at that building. All alcohol will be served at offsite catered events.

Forward: Why do we license it?

Arneson: Because it is stored and prepped in Richmond.

Furr moved to approve first- and third-class liquor licenses for Salt for Salt LLC doing business as Salt and Rind Events. Forward seconded.

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

Update on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding for Dugway Rd. repair

Arneson: This is from the flooding event on October 31, 2019, when Dugway Rd was washed out. A repair mitigation project with FEMA built a retaining wall to rebuild that section of road. The Town originally submitted for \$397,232.89 in costs for the Dugway Rd. project. FEMA will not cover a total of \$1,856.70 in overhead and profit (OH&P) costs from two change orders. Overhead and profit are not eligible for federal contracts. FEMA also stated that the cost for the safety rail at the top of the wall that was constructed for this project is ineligible for reimbursement. The safety rail was installed to discourage swimmers and pedestrians from climbing on top of the wall. FEMA stated they can only cover parts of the project to rebuild what was existing prior to the disaster, or what is necessary to mitigate against future disasters. While the safety rail protects the public, it is not necessary to protect against future flooding. Engineer Tyler Billingsley and I attempted to make a case for inclusion of the safety rail with FEMA in writing and in a follow up Zoom meeting. The total cost of the rail is \$9,338. This is a small percentage compared to the total costs of the project. Typically, FEMA covers 75% of costs of a project with ERAF (state assistance) covering an additional 17.5%. FEMA coverage on this project has increased to 90% due to changes in coverage due to COVID. The State portion covers 70% of the nonfederal share so in this case it will cover 7% of total costs. This results in the Town paying only 3% of the total costs vs. 7.5% of the total costs with FEMA funding at 75%. This scenario, without the railing included, is less we have to pay than the original scenario. I recommend we accept the revised cost of \$386,038.19 for the Dugway Rd repairs.

Forward: I have some experience with appealing to FEMA and it is not something you want to go into lightly. This seems perfectly reasonable.

Hill moved to accept FEMA's revised total cost estimate of \$386,038.19 for the Dugway Road Repair project also known as DR4474. Forward seconded.

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

Consideration of approving a letter for support for participation in Ethical Performance Improvement Campaign (E.P.I.C.)

Heston: This is also known as the Welcoming and Engaging Communities Cohort. We are one of the Towns that adopted a declaration of inclusion, and they are only accepting fifteen municipalities into the first cohort. I submitted an application for members to participate in the 6-month program. Part of the application is a letter signed by the

Selectboard in support of joining the program. The letter and a link to more information on EPIC is included in the packet (<https://www.abundantsun.com/vlct-application/>). Josh and I are interested in attending. Participants are required to be in person for the first meeting at the Town Fair, October 7th. Then there will be 8 2-hour virtual sessions over 6 months. It is being paid for by VLCT and would address some of the training we investigated with Abundant Sun.

Furr: I wish we could all do it but 2 is good.

Furr moved to approve a letter of commitment to participate in the Ethical Performance Improvement Campaign. Forward seconded.

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

Consideration of membership in IDEAL Vermont (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, and Leadership)

Heston: Both Josh and I attended an information session on this. This will be facilitated by Abundant Sun, and it is a big commitment. We received a personal invitation because we have done some work and expressed interest on all equity in our Town. We can have up to 3 members attend with the application due by September 12th. Once you are in the IDEAL cohort then you qualify for grants of up to \$10,000 per year.

Furr: I am interested.

Forward: I do not understand the commitment.

Arneson: It is one meeting per month that is in-person in Vermont based on different hosting municipalities. In addition to the meetings, members are expected to complete reading assignments, write articles for the newsletter, and actively participate in a virtual chat room with other members on a regular basis. Each municipality might dive into specific topics that require more time commitment.

Heston: They want some consistency of the first year. I pulled up the information from the packet (https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/3f_Consider_IDEAL_Vermont_-_I49.pdf). We would ask whoever participates to share information at Selectboard meetings. The 3 participants have to include people such as Selectboard members, the Town Manager, and Chairs of Committees.

Arneson: I think we need to apply individually. They will then do a follow-up Zoom interview.

Heston: I think we need to apply as a Selectboard by replying to the personalized invitation.

Houle: I think if you have to go through an interview than that isn't very inclusionary.

Heston: The program will continue forever but the people will change.

Hill: At the State level there is still some uncertainty, and this will help bring more information together.

Heston: This is similar to the Snelling Vermont Leadership Institute. It is a really good opportunity.

Hill: I think we should join even if we are not clear on the number of hours.

Furr moved to submit an application to IDEAL Vermont for Richmond. Forward seconded.

Roll Call Vote follows discussion.

Forward: Do we have to name who the participants will be?

Hill: When I read the letter, I think we just need to apply as a Selectboard.

Arneson: I can reply with our intent and state that Jay and Jeff are interested.

Heston: It can be up to 3 participants.

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

Consideration of designating a voting delegate for the VLCT, PACIF, and VERB annual meetings

Heston: This is Thursday, October 6 of the Town Fair.

Arneson: I have served as the voting delegate for the past few years, but I am not sure if I will be able to make the time to attend this year, as it is about two hours away. It is pretty routine approving board members and minutes. If we do not send a voting member, it likely would not affect the outcome.

Furr: I have already signed up for Town Fair so I can attend.

Forward moved to appoint Jay Furr as the voting delegate for the VLCT, PACIF, and VERB annual meeting. Hill seconded.

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

Consideration of approving use of the Town Center Fund to pay for attendance at the Preservation Trust Energy Efficiency and Historic Preservation Workshop

Forward: The Town Center Committee found out about this workshop related to historic buildings. The Town Center and Building Committee would like to have Committee member Laurie Dana attend the workshop to bring back information for the Town Center Committee and Selectboard.

Furr: The total cost is \$135.

Furr moved to approve the expenditure of \$135 from the Town Center Reserve fund to

pay for attendance at the Preservation Trust Energy Efficiency and Historic Preservation Workshop. Hill seconded.

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

Consideration of approving the use of the Andrews Community Forest Fund to pay for facilitation services for the Andrews Community Forest Committee

Heston: The Andrews Community Forest Committee would like to use \$2,400 from the Andrews Community Forest Fund to pay for a professional service to aid the public engagement process related to a proposed revision of the ACF Management Plan. The Letter of Agreement is included in the packet (https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/3i_Letter_of_agreement_with_Community_Roots.pdf). It is a reasonable contract for their services.

Forward: Are they facilitating public meetings associated with the ACF Management Plan?

Heston: Yes.

Forward moved to approve the expenditure of \$2,400 from the Andrews Community Forest Fund to pay Community Roots LLC for facilitation services related the public engagement process related to a proposed revision of the ACF Management Plan. Furr seconded.

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

Rosovsky: As the Chair of the Conservation Commission, I have a concern that the public will have input in this process. I have a small concern that the ACF Committee is hiring the facilitator. There has been some controversy around the Management Plan. I was hoping they would go through the Conservation Commission or another group to hire this person as a neutral consultant.

Arneson: They interviewed 3 possible consultants and discussed as a committee.

Wolaver: Melissa Levy and Community Roots was recommended from a specialist with the UVM Extension as a neutral experienced facilitator that is familiar with community forestry governance.

Forward: She is local and has good experience.

Review of FY22 fourth quarter financial reports

Arneson: These are year-end financial reports, and the auditors will be on site next week. This still might change a little bit from where the year ended. I want to provide an update about taxes collected. We track how many more taxes need to be collected. We implemented this during COVID. We noticed that the \$72,654 still due was different than the amount of delinquent taxes of \$74,297.20. We found out that we were including payments on interest and penalties which makes it look like we collected more taxes than we did. I revised the sheet from what is in the packet. There is still a \$1,600 discrepancy we are looking to resolve.

Heston: I have a question about where we were at the end of FY22 on the General Fund page 6

(https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/3j3_FY22_QTR_4_General_Fund_Financials_063022.pdf). I know this is going to change with the audit. Can we get a detail of the specifics of Unassigned Funds Restricted and Unrestricted?

Arneson: Yes, we can have a vertical array to see what we are spending it on the FY23 budget. We will also have a year-end balance for FY22.

Bona: If you look at the updated spreadsheet, I put comments in the cells for what we thought the uses and gains would be. For instance, we did not get the FEMA money for Highway, but we did receive some State aide we did not expect. Plus, Highway had some vacancy savings along with low use of sand and salt. Even without FEMA, we still came close to our estimations. The Police vacancies also increased the General Fund.

Arneson: I will send that updated spreadsheet we worked on today.

Bona: I am creating a different format for FY23 to show where we were at end of FY22 for unassigned and restricted funds.

Heston: There is a plan for the Highway Reserve Account.

Arneson: That is part of the Capital Plan.

Update from Lake Iroquois Association

Kelly: I am the president of the Lake Iroquois Association. I am here to present our 2022 update (https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/3k_Lake_Iroquois_Association_Selectboard_Presentation_090622.pdf). We typically ask for an allocation from the Town for plant surveys. We have presented to the Conservation Commission who have been great supporters. We are implementing stormwater improvements to Beebe Lane through grant applications and Congressional Directed Spending funds. We asked for \$320,000 from Senator Sanders' Office and \$50,000 from Watersheds United Vermont. The Lake Wise Awards encourage landowners to improve shoreline buffers. We are a couple properties short of being recognized as a Lake Wise Gold status

Hill: Can you provide examples of some shoreline buffers people have put in place.

Kelly: Low-impact development is taking a section of yard and design it with soil and sand to infiltrate the water as it flows. They will plant any number of native flowers and absorb water. Others allows the shoreline to grow with vegetation as it pulls in the water. Trees will also absorb a lot of water. Whenever you apply for a grant, these Lake Wise Awards signify that property owners are helping to protect the lake.

Forward: One of the challenges of Lake Iroquois is older camps have older septic systems that need improvements.

Conant: Years ago, there were just cisterns. Our residents have worked really hard to up-grade those systems.

Kelly: Of the 92 properties around Lake Iroquois, about a third have upgraded their septic systems in the last decade. This year we essentially had nothing to do with Eurasian Watermilfoil. We did not need aquatic herbicides, channel markers or diver-assisted suction harvesting. We could hand pull some of the watermilfoil at the southern end of the lake which is recommended by the Department of Environmental Conservation. You can see the difference in the pictures from Summer 2018 to 2022. Our Greeter and Boat Wash Program has tripled since 2019. We collect data on 10 tributaries for phosphorous and chloride. We conduct Plant Surveys in June and September. The Loon Restoration Project maintains a loon nesting platforms and warning signs. It was another successful nesting year for a loon pair. We held our 2nd Annual Ice-Out Contest in January-March 2022. It was April 6th this year. We plan to begin selling tickets around November 29th, 2022.

Hill: What happens when a large mass of Watermilfoil dies from herbicide? How long does it take to clear and what impacts are involved?

Kelly: It clears within a month. We did not see any fish kills. We did not observe any harm to aquatic life. The Watermilfoil is in a constant state of dying off and becoming part of the organic matter at the bottom. We used a little bit herbicide to control a large mass. The cells in plants multiply so fast that it shatters and falls in the water column.

Forward: Do you have any wake boats?

Kelly: We have 3 wake boats from lake residents and one visitor. I have observed how respectful the boat owners are to other property owners.

Forward: The wake boats also create erosion on the shore. How deep is Lake Iroquois?

Kelly: It is 37 feet at its deepest.

Conant: The people who own \$100,000 boats are going to follow the rules and serve as leaders like we have seen.

Kelly: Thank you for your time.

Consideration of approval of an Eagle Scout project to place signage with Abenaki names in places of importance in the Andrews Community Forest

Noble: I want to create around 10 signs around Andrews Community Forest with Abenaki names and to highlight the culture. This is my project to complete my Eagle Scout badge.

*Furr moved to approve the Eagle Scout project to place signage with Abenaki names in places of importance in the Andrews Community Forest. Hill seconded
Roll Call Vote: Forward, Furr, Heston, Hill, Sander in favor. Motion approved.*

Follow up on exploring options for Police Department structure

Heston: The Selectboard held a productive joint meeting on this topic with the Hinesburg Selectboard. It was very informative and productive. The next step is to discuss more of the details related to a partnership with Hinesburg in a smaller committee meeting. This meeting is currently being scheduled.

Arneson: We currently only have 2 dates that work for 5 people. We might investigate other dates and times. It is a bit of a challenge coordinating with 10 people.

Hill: Virtually everybody seems to agree that regionalization is the wave of the future. It has its challenges, but it is an important conversation. We are the edge of the wave.

Forward: Will it cost us money to do this investigation?

Heston: The Joint Survey Committee still needs to figure out those details.

Forward: We should share the costs and there should be some grant money available to figure this out. We might hire a facilitator to help coordinate and guide our towns.

Houle: It is important to document the process so you can sell the book.

Hill: Another part of the conversation is funding and potential need for a project manager. June has set the tone of doing it at the right pace and not pre-planning.

Heston: Baby steps as we still need to decide if we are forming a Joint Survey Committee.

Forward: It is important to keep these meetings publicly warned so we are transparent along the way.

Discussion of speed enforcement, education, and bicycle safety on Cochran Rd.

Arneson: Interim Chief Benjamin Herrick set up the radar speed feedback cart on the western end of Cochran Rd. There is a faulty section of the radar which is still under warranty. He is working on a repair. It did record 90 mph on the eastern end of Cochran Rd. I understand people on Cochran Rd will be disappointed to hear this.

Hill: People have been saying we should get more of those speed feedback signs. From my limited research, I have found these signs are substantially effective. We might consider purchasing more as it is an up-front expense.

Forward: We seem to get requests every meeting to figure out measures to reduce speeding. Speed bumps are the last step along the way.

Arneson: I reached out to Jim Cochran to ask about Cochran's creating awareness of driving the speed limit. He thought it was a great idea. He said he would put up a sign to encourage the bicycling community to be leaders in driving the speed limit in Richmond.

Heston: We should also ask them to help promote bicycle safety and riding side-by-side. Bicyclists may ride two abreast if not impeding traffic.

Arneson: Riding 3 abreast is illegal but 2 side-by-side is legal unless impeding traffic. The question was raised if we can develop an ordinance requiring single file only. I talked to VLCT, and they said a town cannot pass a single-file ordinance.

Houle: The Town can develop an Ordinance for all the roads in this town. The same is true for changing speed limits, there is a process.

Hill: The statute reads “Persons riding two abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane.”

Heston: We are looking into it and it is impeding traffic on all of our roads and not just on Cochran Rd.

Forward: I would be cautious about making laws and regulations that are difficult to enforce.

Knowles: Your roadways with 11-foot travel lanes are not wide enough for a car to safely pass a bike. If you hug the edge, you invite the car to squeeze through and it is unsafe. The Bridge St corridor study from 2021 has plans for the Bridge, Cochran, Thompson intersection. The four-way stop option was not recommended because the local residents did not want the noise of cars stopping and starting. A traffic circle would be a nice solution if we consider using the ARPA money. At the next Selectboard meeting, the Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee will provide input from engineers about Cochran Rd. You can lower speed limits without a speed study it is just not enforceable. Speed limit signs do not slow down traffic. Road conditions control how fast someone will go. You would need physical changes to the road. For instance, a person driving 55 mph over a speed table on Cochran Rd would not be very happy. You will get a report that references Burlington’s traffic calming policies that would show options other than speed bumps or chicanes.

Houle: Where Bridge St becomes Huntington Rd, the Town owns a significant part of land and could reclaim that corner.

Arneson: I investigated the current structure and duties of the Constable position. We discussed options for increasing Constable Andy Squires’ duties in parking and speed enforcement. He is an elected official and would be performing un-paid work that is identical to our police officers. Typically, you need to pay a volunteer for work that is done by a paid employee. It gets different because he is an elected official. I talked with Chief Herrick and Squires about helping more with parking and speed enforcement. Before he could conduct speed enforcement, Squires would need to be trained in this field. There are three scenarios: (1) continue as unpaid Constable but hire him as part-time officer, (2) paying him as Constable on his own schedule, or (3) paying him for his work as Constable and paying him as a part-time officer. Our attorney is going to look into it to see which options satisfy labor laws.

Hill: We have volunteer fire fighters who are paid when performing a service. It is possible to have an un-paid volunteer who gets a stipend.

Forward: Does Andy wear a uniform and carry a gun?

Herrick: If he directs traffic during the July 4th when he works with us, he wears full uniform and duty belt. If he is writing parking tickets, then he is not wearing a uniform.

Forward: Do you feel you need to wear a gun when doing traffic stops?

Herrick: I wouldn't do one without it because you have no idea who you are pulling over.

Forward: I am concerned about asking a volunteer to do these types of jobs.

Furr: Writing parking tickets for cars on the side of the road is different.

Arneson: Squires is a Level 2 certified officer. We could hire him as a part-time officer, and he would need to be speed enforcement certified.

Forward: I am uncomfortable with this decision.

Herrick: I agree with what is being said. The Town has not restricted the Constable's authority. He can make vehicle stops within the scope of law. He has all the training he needs to make vehicle stops. He is granted law enforcement authority as the elected Town Constable.

Heston: We have some time to consider the duty of the Constable. We have to be strategic as we move forward. Right now, we are not in a rush to get it done.

Arneson: Spring will come soon so we should keep it moving.

Hill: I noticed that parking tickets are above budget and speeding tickets are below budget.

Kory: I live on Cochran Rd and I think we need to change the speed limit to 35 mph from 45 mph. Cars do not stop with oncoming cars and squeeze by while passing bicycles.

Furr: As I drove on Cochran Rd tonight, there were 3 rollerbladers taking up the whole lane. There was no way to pass them until I could see nobody else was approaching. Isn't this the law?

Heston: This is an ongoing conversation with the Traffic Calming Committee and the Parking Committee. There is no action to take tonight.

Houle: I am often surprised by a sign on Cochran Rd that states there are bicycle time trials in effect. Really? We know nothing about it.

Hill: I used to see them on Rt 2 between Richmond and Bolton.

Arneson: In Bolton, they used to inform us of the dates. Let me try to figure out when they are going to be around and follow the rules. I will also ask our attorney about the ordinance change.

Hill: I know people are frustrated with our pace. We need to have a graduated response. The traffic engineers and research can help us determine what is known to be effective versus what is thought to be effective. This is why I gravitated toward more radar signs.

Heston: It is probably more effective than changing the speed limit sign.

Wells: We really need to start doing something. We have talked about it for so long. We have all the Rt 2 traffic coming through as well. If speed tickets are down, then they are not on Cochran Rd. enough. We need to start outlining steps. There are speed bumps everywhere and it is not a snowplow issue. Look at Jericho and Burlington.

Heston: We are down speeding tickets because we do not have the staff.

Kory: I want to emphasize the urgency of making some changes.

Hill: I think we want an active radar speed sign that works 24/7 in these locations. It is one-time money for \$3,000-\$10,000.

Heston: Let's put that on our next agenda.

Consideration of approval of Chittenden Unit for Special Investigation's request for payment of FY21 charitable appropriation

Heston: In the past month, Connie Bona was able to get CUSI to email the FY21, FY22, and FY23 invoices to her. The FY22 and FY23 invoices were paid at the last meeting. The FY21 invoice is still to be decided on by the Board. If the Board elects to pay the FY21 invoice it will be billed to FY22. It is a charitable contribution and I serve on the CUSI Board. I have issues with getting invoices two years later.

Arneson: They were sending it to an old Police Chief email. They finally sent her the invoices. They have been short staffed.

Forward: I would assume their books are closed for FY21 so this would be a loss, not collected.

Houle: We spent \$400 on an allotted \$1,500 line item for landscaping in FY22. This is similar in that money is no longer available.

Furr: I would just go ahead and pay it.

Arneson: They could have invoiced us from July 1, 2020, up to August 31, 2021.

Hill: I suggest we say FY21 is so old we cannot do this. But you could apply for a double set of funds for the future FY24 appropriation request. We could justify it for a 1-year higher budgeted amount due to previous surplus revenues.

Arneson: CUSI will respond regardless of our appropriation contributions. It could also send an odd precedent if we pay this one so late. One year, the Our Community Cares Camp received a spike in funds from previous requests.

Approval of Minutes, Warrants and Purchase Orders

Purchase Orders

Hill moved to approve PO# 4457 to Apex Consulting for addition of construction management for Town Center and Library work and re-bid library exterior work not to exceed \$13,500.00. Furr seconded.

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

Hill moved to approve PO# 4522 to Courtland Construction for Thompson Rd. culvert replacement in the amount not to exceed \$154,210.000. Furr seconded.

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

Warrants

Hill: Can you explain the VLCT invoice?

Arneson: VLCT makes an adjustment for the number of fire fighters. We have a mid-year adjustment for the current calendar year 2022. I never saw the original invoice. So it will be split between FY22 and FY23.

Hill moved to approve the warrants as presented from 9/6/2022. Furr seconded.

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

Minutes

Minutes of 8/1/22

Forward moved to approve the Minutes of 8/1/22 as presented. Furr seconded.

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

Minutes of 8/15/22

Sander moved to approve the Minutes of 8/15/22 as presented. Furr seconded.

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

Minutes of 8/29/22

Sander moved to approve the Minutes of 8/29/22 as presented. Hill seconded.

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

Discuss Items for Next Agenda

*NEMRC Assessment Online Data

*Speed radar purchases

*Traffic Calming Committee

*Constable options

*Biker single file

Adjournment

Furr moved to adjourn. Hill seconded

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 pm

Chat file from Zoom:

00:13:58 Linda Parent: jay is correct, 2 died, 2 have been returned, 1 still on the lam from Maplewind Farms, East Main St
01:23:02 D Noble: Awesome!!!! Thanks y'all for doing this!
01:51:02 MMCTV Erin: Who is second speaker?
01:51:12 Judy Rosovsky - VT: Nice job LIA!
01:52:15 Josh Arneson: Chris Conant is the second speaker.
01:52:27 MMCTV Erin: Thank you!
02:17:30 D Noble: Yay!! Can't wait to see the final result!
02:19:44 D Noble: Let's go with the trendsetting!!!!
02:29:12 Susan Wells: Speed bumps are all over Chittenden County!
02:29:57 Lisa Kory: Absolutely, we should not eliminate speed humps as a possible solution.
02:38:04 Susan Wells: We have talked about this for SOOO long.