

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**6:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Jill Adams, Paul Adams, Matt Roberge, Nate Benoit, Robert Bodge, Steve & Carol Marson, James & Sally Thornton and Naomi York.

Selectman Present: Clarence Cummins, Jennifer Greenleaf, Rose Beckwith and Tracy Tuttle.  
(Daniel Dunton absent)

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIACNE**

**3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2011**

Selectman Cummins made a motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2011, Selectman Greenleaf seconded, motion passed (4-0).

**4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS**

**4.1 Resignation of Carol Lichtenberg from the CDBG Loan Board**

Carol Lichtenberg submitted a letter of resignation from the CDBG Loan Board.

Selectman Cummins made a motion to accept the resignation, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (4-0).

**5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION**

**6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6.1 Firework Ordinance-Marian Anderson**

Selectman discussion on enacting an ordinance for Town Meeting approval on the location/proximity of fireworks in residential areas. Steve Marson scheduled for a an overview.

Steve Marson gave a presentation and provided a handout on the new firework law and what types of fireworks will be sold. Currently available are: Roman Candles and Sparklers. The Fire Marshall is putting on their website the communities banning fireworks which include: Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Yarmouth and Freeport, (the site changes every day). The law states that you will need to be 21 years of age to buy and use consumer fireworks. Some Towns are requiring a permit process which could result in a revenue for the town. You can only fire from property you own, unless other

authorization has been made by the town, renters will also be able to use fireworks. Consumer fireworks are classified as 1.4G and Display Fireworks are classified as 1.3G.

Selectman Tuttle questioned if the fireworks are clearly marked for proper use? Today's fireworks are tested and put through a safety facility, every product that is purchased (consumer and display) manufactured now, they take a sampling and test products to make sure they meet all the chemical composition requirements. There will be an "AFSL" Label on each case that is passed. They are then again inspected on the DOT container ships. There is labeling on every package inspected by AFSL with a label by the technician. Directions are clearly labeled on each package. The State Fire Marshall will visit each consumer firework store to make sure they meet all the requirements. Documentation on fireworks safety is a requirement for each person that purchases fireworks. They will need to sign a release that they understand the operating procedures for consumer fireworks.

Steve Marson plans on opening 6 year round and two seasonal stores in Maine.

Selectman Cummins questioned at this point we won't be overrun with stores? Steve stated It takes about 12 months to get federally licensed to sell fireworks.

## **7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Richmond Dresden Bridge-Nate Benoit (Project Manager)**

Selectman to discuss the Richmond-Dresden Bridge Project.

Nate Benoit stated they are approved to go ahead with the preliminary design, this project was designed in house by state engineers. There is no new information on the actual design besides the 2006 feasibility study and designs. The study recommended the high level bridge as the most cost savings design 76 foot clearance needed for coast guard boats. No swing span. The bridge width will be substantially wider approximately 32-34 feet wide. It will also have pedestrian friendly shoulders, a 42" minimum rail (Pedestrian height). The project Schedule: currently in design phase, a report by end of winter first of spring, at that point come back to town of Richmond/Dresden and have a public meeting. Advertising in 2013 (February-May). Construction beginning the summer of 2013 (it will take two years to build the bridge) another six months to remove the old bridge. Estimated cost is around \$20-25million for construction. Selectman Cummins questioned what decisions have been made displacing properties? Nate Benoit stated they have not made a decision on that, but cannot rule out that there won't be property impacts, the conversations have been started with the Adams. Theoretically they would pay fair market value, pay for relocation cost and moving expenses, it is premature to say which properties will be affected. Selectman Beckwith asked that the State give the Town plenty of notice on design and public hearings. Selectman Cummins asked if any wetlands are involved on the Dresden side. Nate

Benoit stated that the study calls for some mitigation plans, there will be some affected but he cannot speak to the extent at this point.

### **7.2 Houdlette Field-Snack Shack Doors**

Selectman discussion on replacement of doors at Houdlette Field.

Approximately 4 out of the 5 doors need to be replaced. The Town Manager is looking for guidance on a way to fund the repairs. It could cost from \$500-1000 for the repairs. Selectman Beckwith stated Hunt in Jefferson, they originally donated the door. TM-we have reserve account that requires town meeting approval. Selectman Tuttle suggested using a warrant article at Town Meeting to take money from that fund. The Town Manager stated we need to get an estimate for a steel doors and steel frames.

### **7.3 Community Garden-Tracy Tuttle**

Selectman discussion on location and process of starting a Community Garden.

Selectman Tuttle suggested using the property behind Salon, Gary Nash is in agreement, and waiting for definite answer from the owner of the RBMC. Selectman Beckwith asked if there is water access? Selectman Beckwith will reach out to National Honor Society for a project and/or look at some land at the school.

### **7.4 Post Issuance Compliance Policy Relating to Bonds Issued by the Town**

Selectman action requested to accept the above named Policy.

This is required to issue bonds it's a requirement but may never be used.

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to accept the Post Issuance Policy, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed (4-0).

## **9.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**9.1 Public**-Paul Adams stated that on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00a.m. the Veterans Day Parade will begin.

### **9.2 Town Manager**

- The Gary Nash demolition and used vehicle parking lot were approved at planning board.
- 1900 yards of sand have been piled for winter.
- The docks have been removed
- A notice for plug culverts went out to get in touch with Public Works before winter.
- Heating issue at library space, reported that nothing is wrong it's just the radiant heat that flows through the building.

- Victoria is working on an available property list for commercial uses.
- Going out to bid on the safe routes to school grant.
- Computer use at the library has increased (Bought timers).
- The Senior Center drug collection was successful.
- The Seniors are working on updating the felt banners at the high school.
- Looking at having a meeting with Coastal Transportation to look at bringing more transportation to Richmond.
- Halloween was successful, Rick Moody donated the gator to the police. The Police and Fire Department did a great job.
- Josh Staples accepted the full time position he is a “blue pin”-academy certified.

### **9.3 Selectmen**

Selectman Tuttle stated the CDBG Board are discussing the by-laws and are looking at more restrictions on the loan process. Would also like to use Vicky (the Business Director) during the application and loan process. The board meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.

### **9.4 Boards and Committees**

## **10.0 WARRANTS**

### **10.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants**

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to sign the warrant, Selectman Greenleaf seconded, motion passed (4-0).

## **11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION 1 M.R.S.A. (6)(F)-Discussion of Confidential Records.**

Motion was made to move into Executive Session.

No action was taken.

Motion was made to come out of Executive Session.

Motion was made and seconded to approve 200 gallons of fuel for the respective client, motion passed (4-0).

Motion was made and seconded to approve a poverty abatement for the respective tax payer, motion passed (4-0).

## **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**