

Clarence Cummins, Chairman
Tracy Tuttle-Vice Chairman
Rose Beckwith
Gary Poulin
Peter Warner

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Selectmen Present: Tracy Tuttle, Peter Warner, Gary Poulin, Clarence Cummins and Rose Beckwith.

Others Present: O'Neil Laplante, North East Ambulance-Kevin McGinnis, & Laurie Rice, Donna McClusky, Judy Savage, Bette Horning, Carol Smith, City of Gardiner-Scott Morelli, Fire Chief, Mike Minkowsky, Finance Director, Denise Brown, Steve Musica, Theresa Mckellark, Rick Mckellark, Sean Pierce, Peter DeRaps, Keith Edwards, Executive Assistant, Laurisa Loon and Town Manager, Marian Anderson.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2013

Selectman Warner made a motion to approve the minutes of April 3, 2013, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (5-0).

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Appointment of Marian Anderson as Town Manager, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner, General Assistance, Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector and Health Officer.

4.2 Appointment of John Ungemach, Carol Minnehan-Lee & William Bezanson to the Comprehensive Plan Committee

4.3 Appointment of Carol Hoopingarner & Deborah Howe to the Community Development Revolving Loan Fund

4.4 Appointment of Harold Averell, Alex Poliakoff and Carol Lichtenberg to the Appeals Board.

4.5 Appointment of Richard McKellar to the Planning Board.

4.6 Appointment of Louis Levesque as Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Selectman Cummins called for a motion to lump together the appointments. Selectman Beckwith made a motion to lump together and approve all the appointments, Selectman Warner seconded, motion passed (5-0).

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Library Update-Clarence Cummins

Selectman Cummins shared a letter the board received from a group of residents that support the library. Selectman Cummins stated that the board can make the decision to move forward with building the library or two take it to the voters and put it on the June ballot. Selectman Beckwith stated that we have discussed this a long time and personally would like to see the board decide to proceed with constructing the library, from what I have observed the majority of the residents want it started. We should not put this decision off. Selectman Warner stated that he is in favor of the library, when we accepted it in 2010 Article 17 stated that we accept the bill of sale, books, collections and financial endowment, used only for public library purposes. Most of the money given was to build the library. However, we have the June 11th election, we have waited years and we are only looking at five weeks and would like the question on the June ballot.

Selectman Tuttle stated that the library trustees were at a stand-still and wanted our help in fixing the situation, there were no town funds raised and put into that fund which we plan on spending, there will be a lot of people that handed something over to us, and would be devastated if some negative attitudes voted against the construction of the library. Selectman Cummins asked the Town Manager about what the lawyers have communicated? The Town Manager stated that the Umerhine library turned over the library trust, the trust became part of the town, the attorney has said that those funds were not raised and appropriated at town meeting and not technically town raised tax dollars. We receive a letter from several foundations that those funds are held in trust they are not mingled with town funds with the specific purpose for building a new building. Selectman Poulin stated at town meeting the expense money raised passed unanimously therefore indicating the town would like to have a library. Selectman Beckwith made a motion to proceed with building the library, Selectman Poulin seconded motion passed (4-0-1) Peter Warner abstained from vote.

Steve Musica provided the board with a handout on the 2013 Library estimate cost including ICF-insulated concrete forms. He followed up with suggestions from the last public hearing; you don't gain much by changing the pitch of the roof. This revised plan adjusts for adding the ICF foundation.

The original estimate did not include a 3K estimate for insulated slab.

Selectman Cummins asked who will start the Planning Board application. The Town Manager stated that Victoria Boundy will start the application.

Selectman Cummins asked why is less labor noted. Steve Music responded that the framer would not have to frame the building nor put up the sheathing if you go with ICF. \$5,500 for an ADA ramp up to the front entrance, the architect stated you are not going to need an extensive ramp based on elevations on the site.

Selectman Cummins would like to further discuss the construction at the next meeting.

Peter DeRaps stated that if the board would like to see an ICF structure he is willing to show one. Selectman Tuttle asked what the savings is. Peter DeRaps stated that in his own home it stays 10

degrees cooler in the building during the summer and with an approximate 3,300 S.F. home he used 500 gallons of oil during the winter.

6.2 Speed Enforcement Update

Selectman update on speeding complaint's on the Alexander Reed Road, Pleasant and Lincoln Streets.

Chief MacMaster stated that many residents have been reminded to slow down; they will be issuing citations if speeding continues.

6.3 Dresden CEO Contract

The Town Manager provided the board with an updated contract for the new year and reflecting James Valley as Code Enforcement Officer. The Town of Dresden has asked to renew the contract, this helps keep the budget down. Selectman Tuttle made a motion to renew the contract, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (5-0).

6.4 Ambulance Contract

Selectman Warner stated that we have a service that is meeting our needs and we should continue with them at this point. Selectman Poulin agrees. Selectman Tuttle stated that we are on year one of a three year contract that was passed with a majority vote, we have been working in good faith with contract, the lawyers have not finalized but that did not change their service, we did not look for a better deal with any other ambulance.

Resident Arlene Lilly of the Langdon Road asked how long have we been with Northeast. Since 2008 and how long were we with Gardiner before 2008? The Manager replied a long time don't have exact dates. We left Gardiner because of the collection fees. When does this come up for vote again? Selectman Tuttle replied two years that is when the contract is back up for negotiation.

Selectman Tuttle stated that it is not good to change our minds we entered into a contract on 5/2/12 we should stick to it.

Northeast offered us a money savings plan in 2008. We are relying on what the Chiefs have relayed to us on response time and community service.

Scott Morelli, Town Manager of Gardiner stated a problem comes when Northeast takes over and Gardiner cannot come anymore.

Kevin McGinnis of Northeast stated that all 911 calls are responded to with a paramedic.

Resident Jennifer Brown of the Beedle Road, stated that in 2012 her daughter Heathers leg was dislocated, she stabilized her and called 911. They had to wait for an ambulance to come from Freeport, 45 minutes for Northeast. She demanded that the dispatch call Gardiner. Gardiner came

within 10 minutes. The ordeal was 90 minutes from beginning to end. You cannot have a delay in a situation that requires prompt treatment. Rapid response very important, how would you feel if this was your loved one waiting for help because of a contract.

Kevin McGinnis stated that if we are not in our standard position and Gardiner can get there faster we call Gardiner. That was the case today. It is standard practice to call Gardiner if we are further away we have an ambulance on site from 7am-7p.m. The Fire Chief of Gardiner stated look at run times for providing service for backup for Northeast 13 minutes average run time for 2012. Our Fire Department is here to work with the community we are struggling to make that point to you; it's not about a contract we will be unable to provide service to Richmond. Resident Judy Savage asked the Gardiner Fire Chief so you would not respond to a fire in Richmond if we don't go with your ambulance service. The Fire Chief responded no, we would not.

Selectman Tuttle stated she is appalled and is feeling strong armed by Gardiner.

Denise Brown, Finance Director of the City of Gardiner stated that by partnering with Gardiner several of your fellow communities will be saving \$100,000 that's important in helping support each other. Selectman Beckwith stated that we have a working contract right now; we see no reason to break that contract at this point. Selectman Warner asked if the ambulance and fire service are one service, would you dissolve the mutual aid contract between the towns. The Chief responded that they would need to revisit that. We have a small call force, we don't have the funds to support it, we are not strong arming, we are trying to give you information, they are stakeholders, we were not afforded the time to cover our services, we are a new entity; we can offer more than Northeast.

Selectman Cummins stated that at the time we switched contracts Northeast provided a financially better package, since we did have some contract dispute with them. This has been resolved and we plan to sign the current contract and move on. At that time open it up again when it expires. Selectman Beckwith made a motion to sign with Northeast, Selectman Tuttle seconded, motion passed (5-0).

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Boards & Committee Pay, Conduct and Attendance Policy-Update

The Town Manager handed out the policy we can put this on the agenda for the next meeting, please review and we can update.

7.2 Richmond Trails Group-Update

Richard Gower and Wayne Ladner stated there are some hiking trails in the town forest, we have a resource that no one uses, and we are hoping to reclaim two or three of the trails for starters, would like to make it usable, visible, create an interest, and maybe in the future create more trails. Selectman Warner said thank you for taking the time to look at this, the board's consensus to let them mark the trails, Selectman Warner made a motion to allow the Richmond Trails Group to improve trails Selectman Tuttle seconded, Selectman Cummins

added that he would periodically like an update on the status of the forest, motion passed, and (5-0).

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Homestead Declaration and Reimbursement Application

The board approved and signed the Homestead Declaration and Reimbursement Application (5-0).

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Public

Resident O'Neil Laplante stated that the board did a great job tonight.

9.2 Town Manager

We have a request from DOT on the construction of the new bridge that they be given an over limit permit, the trucks would be over the weight limit of the road, we need to sign the permit.

The gazebo is in need of repair we talked about replacing the shingles on the roof. We received an estimate from Prout's Roofing, \$3,260 to repair roof. Maritime & Northeast will repaint the gazebo.

9.3 Selectmen

Selectman Poulin stated that he could not understand the letter the board received from a resident.

Selectman Tuttle would like to call for an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Selectman Tuttle would also like to make a time to commit to reviewing the policies. Pick two and add them to the meeting packets.

Selectman Tuttle also stated that the library is having trouble with the wireless internet.

Selectman Cummins asked about the status of the field request from the high school.

The Town Manager stated that it has been taken care of.

9.4 Boards and Committees-None

10.0 WARRANT

10.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants.

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to sign the warrant, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (5-0).

10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(A)

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to move into Executive Session, Selectman Tuttle seconded, motion passed (5-0).

No action taken.

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to come out of Executive Session, Selectman Tuttle seconded, motion passed (5-0).

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Tuttle made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (5-0).