

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

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Selectman present: Clarence Cummins, Peter Warner, Rose Beckwith and Gary Poulin. Tracy Tuttle was absent.

Others present: Marian Anderson, Laurisa Loon, Paul Adams, Michail Grizkewitsch and Thomas Tofani.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2013

Selectman Warner made a motion to approve the minutes, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Appointment of Scott Schmitz to the New Mills Dam Committee

4.2 Appointment of William Brooks to the New Mills Dam Committee

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to appoint Scott Schmitz and William Brooks to the New Mills Dam Committee, Selectman Poulin seconded motion passed (4-0).

4.3 Appointment of Leighton Carver to the Community Revolving Loan Committee as an alternate member.

Selectman Warner made a motion to appoint Leighton Carver to the Community Revolving Loan Committee, Selectman Beckwith seconded motion passed (4-0).

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Isaac F. Umberhine Library –Update

The Town Manager wanted to remind the board that tomorrow at 3:30p.m., is the first pre-construction meeting at the town office. The contractors will be present. We have been prepping the site on Main Street. (Spreadsheet handouts made available.)

6.2 Location of the Richmond Business Friendly Signs

The Town Manager stated that we could put them where the welcome to Richmond signs are located. Selectman Cummins stated that the board talked about getting two more signs is that still an option. The Town Manager responded yes we can purchase two more for \$100.00. Selectman Cummins feels that if we put them near the Welcome to Richmond signs one sign might obscure the other. The Manager responded that we have not taken the signs out to measure. Selectman Cummins feels they should be near the other two existing signs. Selectman Beckwith would like to see two on the highway going north and south. Selectman Cummins asked if the state would approve that? The Town Manager responded that it is a state sign, we can ask.

6.3 Richmond Days Follow-up

Selectman Beckwith heard over and over that it was a great event. The only negative were smokers in the children's play area. Selectman Cummins asked if we have an ordinance that states no smoking on municipal property that we can enforce. The Town Manager stated that we will make signage. Selectman Beckwith stated at least the children's area off limits. Selectman Cummins understands the state would not allow us to use their facilities for fireworks what is the status. The Town Manager responded that we are looking at contingency plans for the future we don't have any at this point. Selectman Poulin added that he don't understand their reasoning on the eagles because we still have fireworks.

Selectman Warner added that he only heard positive comments in regards to Richmond Days.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Farmers Market/Music at the Market

The Town Manager stated that we started working on the 13/14 budget and wanted to talk to the board if the Music at the Market is something that we want to continue. I personally have never attended. We schedule 8 performers at \$200/a piece. Selectman Poulin stated that he likes the idea of the market. Selectman Warner wonders how they have done altogether. The Town Manager stated that they are doing better than last year but they are considering changing the day that is for them to decide. We have talked about better signage and location of signage. Selectman Warner stated that they have farmers markets in other towns; they should coordinate with the other towns. They need to take some ownership to get their customers.

Resident Tom Tofani stated that he was unaware of the farmers market they should have better signage. The Manger responded that we put it in every newsletter.

Selectman Cummins stated that in the past we have discussed some type of sign at the fire station. Selectman Beckwith responded that we have one there now. The Manger added that we talked about getting larger letters and we are looking for a place on 201 where we can post meetings.

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-OLD BUSINESS

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Public

Resident Michail Grizkewitsch stated that the town crew and whoever was working the park and Route #24 should be commended on a job well done. People don't realize the work that goes into an event the town looked great.

Resident Grizkewitsch asked if the town is going to be reimbursed for the site preparation being done by public works. The Town manager responded that we are not going to be using any of our materials. Resident Grizkewitsch asked if the town is going to be reimbursed for man power/equipment. Who is paying for the operator and driver that were working at the site? That is tax payer money not library money. When you use a town crew it comes from tax payer dollars.

Selectman Warner added that we should be happy that they are busy all day.

Selectman Cummins added that he is having a hard time understanding why this is such a big issue for you. Resident Grizkewitsch responded that you said no town money would be used to build the library am I correct. Selectman Cummins responded that is depending on how you want to construe the situation. It is a town project and we are using the town crew.

Resident Tom Tofani added that it's a different of opinion not a difference of someone lying to you.

Selectman Beckwith asked that if she had the police at the summer rec program should they be sending me bill for that time?

Resident Michail Grizkewitsch asked who is responsible for the holes on Front Street. The Town Manager responded that it is a State Road.

Resident Paul Adams stated that he agrees with no smoking in the children's area but Rose Beckwith said smokers are ignorant. Selectman Beckwith responded that is not what I said.

Resident Tom Tofani asked if the food pantry can be on the next agenda. The pantry wants running water installed in the building. The Town Manager stated that we had a meeting with the pantry board. If we make a lease with the food pantry they can make the changes to the building. If the town were to take on making upgrades it would have to wait until the next town meeting that is next June. The Town Manager added that maybe it's not a good fit it's an opportunity for the pantry. The lease would allow them to make improvements.

The Town Manager stated that we will sit with the board of directors and discuss the opportunities. We don't have the money to make improvements.

Resident Michail Grizkewitsch asked if we made an agreement. The Town Manager responded that town meeting has given us the authority but we have nothing in writing we do not own that building.

Selectman Beckwith added that we still don't know what our municipal revenue funding from the State will be. We will have a tight budget. Selectman Warner added that it's quite clear from town meeting that we don't want to put money into maintenance.

9.2 Town Manager

- Wednesday August 14th is the deconsecrating service at St. Matthias.
- Josh Staples submitted his two week notice. I have not advertized the position he was the officer being paid by the COP grant. How does the board want to proceed? Selectman Poulin asked if it can still be filled with the grant money. We have to fund the final year we have two years saved. Selectman Cummins asked if we will have 24 hour coverage if we do not fill the position. Selectman Warner added that it would be a lot of overtime. Selectman Poulin feels the police department is very important and would like to fill the position. Selectman Warner added that he would like to have a blue pin so we are not paying someone down the line. The board would like to talk with the Chief. The manager asked before we advertise. Selectman Warner feels we should go ahead and advertise. Selectman Cummins and Selectman Beckwith agree to advertise the position for a blue pin. Selectman Warner asked of Josh is considering staying on as a reserve officer. Selectman Warner added to advertise as a two year position.

9.3 Selectmen

Selectman Poulin stated that Allan Moeller called him today and stated the gravel pad is in at the transfer station for the new building. The flag pole is on backorder they didn't give me a date. The solar light is in he will work with Allan to get that up. We need to decide if we want it to be on a sensor or on all night. Selectman Warner replied that initially he would like it to be on all night to make an initial deterrent we can change it later.

Selectman Warner would like to thank Allan for the clean-up after Richmond Days. Selectman Warner asked what's going on with the air conditioner at the police department. The Town Manger replied that a plow truck hit it this past winter. Meet the candidates night is being held on the night of our next meeting. Selectman Cummins stated that if something comes up we can meet on Thursday otherwise we will not have a meeting that night.

Selectman Cummins asked if we are getting a lot of complaints on the fire horn. The Town Manager responded not a lot. We have one resident that would like to put it on the agenda and discuss it. I forwarded his email onto the fire chief.

9.4 Boards and Committees-None

10.0 WARRANT

10.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants

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

11.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(F)-TRUST FUND APPLICATION

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to move into Executive Session, Selectman Warner seconded, motion passed (4-0).

No action taken.

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to come out of Executive Session, Selectman Poulin seconded, and motion passed (4-0).

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Warner seconded, motion passed (4-0).

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