

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**6:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

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

Others Present: Bette Horning, Michail Grizkewitsch, Victoria Boundy-Business Director, Laurisa Loon-Executive Assistant, Marian Anderson-Town Manager, Michail Grizkewitsch, Jr., John Blouin of Cobbossee Watershed Committee, Ryan Shea, Harold Averell, Carol Lichtenburg, Frederic Browne, Doug Chess, Peter Warner, Tom Nugent, Patti Lawton and Ruthanne Harrison.

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2013.**

Selectman Warner, made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2013, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (5-0).

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

**5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION**

**6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6.1 Comprehensive Plan discussion-Victoria Boundy**

Victoria Boundy stated that she sent out a memorandum to the selectboard with recommendations on the make-up of the committee and recommends as much input as possible.

Selectman Cummins asked what the next step is.

Victoria recommended members, new residents, older residents, younger and older groups make up the committee. She has set up meetings to meet with different groups. It's the selectboards charge to appoint a committee. The Town Manager asked if Victoria is recommending starting with the group she has provided. Victoria responded yes. Selectman Warner asked if there is an optimum number. Victoria responded she does not think so. Selectman Warner asked if the meetings would be open to the public. Victoria responded absolutely the more participation is better and makes for a better plan. Resident Patti Lawton asked how long the process is going to take. Victoria stated they would be targeting town meeting of next year. Mike Grizkewitsch, Jr. asked

if we have done anything that our previous plan asked us to do. Victoria stated she was pleasantly surprised to see how much has been accomplished. The committee will need to first look at what was done and provide to the state the future growth planning summary which has helped us plan and get our grants. Have a time frame and plan. Selectman Beckwith state she has looked through the comp plan and was surprised at how much has been accomplished.

Selectman Warner made a motion to authorize Victoria Boundy to contact people and establish a committee also to appoint Bette Horning, Tom Nugent, Ruthanne Harrison, Doug Chess, Pattie Lawton and Peter Warner to the committee, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (5-0).

## **6.2 Route #24 Corridor Study-Victoria Boundy**

The advisory committee is hoping the surrounding towns will endorse the plan, there will be revised plan at the end of the meetings, it will then be submitted to MaineDOT for approval. Selectman Cummins stated that Topsham and Brunswick's biggest concerns are for tourist moving through the congested areas of town, other issues were better bike paths, and Richmond has brought up the underpass. The State owns the road but the railroad owns the track and abutment, each department wants to pass the buck. We are not optimistic that it would be fixed. We can get this issue on the comprehensive plan as well. We also spoke about signage for safety as well as tourism. Someone is looking for scenic byway designation but there is no funding. Victoria will let everyone know when the next public meeting is.

## **6.3 Schedule Library Workshop w/resident Steven Musica**

The Town Manager is looking to schedule a date for a workshop between the board and Steve Musica to review his figures, estimates and contractors. There is a meeting scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> at the library, this is a meeting with the patrons of the library. Selectman Cummins would like to plan for a mid-March meeting. Selectman Warner added that the board has questions on what types of material and contractors Steve requested information from. Selectman Tuttle stated that Steve Musica gave the board a brief description that a library could be built for around \$240,000, the board wants to see the specifics on the building, Selectman Warner added the boards concerns are if these are real job quotes. Once the board has all there information they will move forward with a public hearing.

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

### **7.1 Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed**

John Blouin and Margaret Peacock were present representing the Cobbossee Watershed committee. They would like to thank everyone for their past support of the DASH unit. They removed 11,500 gallons of milfoil from the area ponds last year.

There is a diver, a captain, and a tender, the off-loading and removal and disposal of the milfoil. The committee is asking for \$5,000 again to support the milfoil removal.

The cost of the courtesy boat inspection is \$35,000.

Last season they had 21 days of harvesting milfoil.

The cost to run the DASH boat last year was \$80,000.

Selectman Cummins asked how effective are you?

John Blouin stated they have made a lot of progress, they removed 2500 gallons from Pleasant Pond. They have improved over 5,000 miles of shoreline.

There are currently 13 DASH units operating in Maine.

Selectman Warner asked if the committee approaches the property owners on the water. John Blouin responded yes we ask for personal donations as well. Resident Ryan Shea stated he lives on Pleasant Pond and has seen significant improvement. Resident Fred Browne asked if we can eradicate the milfoil. John Blouin stated the first part is to take care of boat traffic areas, but we will never fully remove the evasive plant. Resident Mike Grizkewitsch asked when they emptied Pleasant Pond did that have any effect on the milfoil. John Blouin stated that he was not familiar with anyone emptying Pleasant Pond. Selectman Cummins stated that the board will discuss this at the next budget meeting.

## **7.2 Resident Michail Grizkewitsch**

Resident Michail Grizkewitsch would like to address the TIF, Library, and Summer Recreation budgets.

Mike stated that he has researched the TIF documents back to 2000, the allocated cost of the revolving loan fund was \$85,000 for 20 years, and staff payroll was \$30,000.

The town meeting in 2002 changed payroll to \$139,933.

For 10 years nothing has been brought to town meeting. There has been 2 million plus in expenditures. The 13/14 budget request for \$94,000 towards payroll. I want to change this and to propose an article be written for town meeting, before you can spend any money. Selectman Cummins stated that the TIF budget is not subject to town approval, we have literally gotten millions of dollars in grants from the person employed with this position, at this point we have benefited from having this employee.

Selectman Warner asked are you saying we have not put in any money in the revolving loan fund?

Michail Grizkewitsch asked how much money is in the TIF, does the board know? Is the board willing to put this in the form of an article at town meeting?

Monmouth brings their budget to town meeting.

The Town Manager asked that your point is to see the TIF budget on the warrant?

Resident Michael Grizewitsch asked what will a new Library building cost to maintain. Selectman Tuttle stated that we do not know at this point we need to see what the building consist of. Michael would like to know if the building is going to be at town meeting also he would like to see the offer from the Gardiner library on the warrant. Selectman Cummins stated that the quarter of a million dollars in the library fund is not town money, the money (\$245,000) goes away if we do not use it. Michael wanted to know why the town spent so much money on architectural plans. Selectman Cummins stated that the board has only authorized \$400. The amount spent on architectural plans was before the town took over the library. Selectman Beckwith stated she would love to see the library in the town of Richmond. Selectman Tuttle stated they would put the options out at town meeting. Harold Averell stated he uses the library as well as his family and does not want to drive to Gardiner to spend money on gas to use their library.

Mike Grizkewitsch would like to see options on the warrant.

The Town Manager stated that you need to understand that the town and selectboard have people talking in both ears, people for a new library and those against building a library.

Selectman Cummins stated that the moderator will run town meeting using Roberts Rule of Order.

Mike Grizkewitsch stated that a gentleman from the Wiscasset Community Center gave a presentation. He said 55 people are using their facility from Richmond. If the town puts in \$20,000 there would be a resident rate. The Summer Recreation budget currently allows for \$16,000 for salaries, and 73 kids participate. Why are we spending 20,000 to bus the kids, for 3 days a week for 5 weeks, when our residents can use Wiscasset and pay out of pocket and drive the kids themselves.

Mike Grizkewitsch asked what is summer rec? Selectman Beckwith stated that all participants go to swim lessons but are split into two time slots. We organize games for children, physical activity, we use the school equipment, arts and crafts and several outings, the participation fee is \$65 a child for the five week program. The Wiscasset

rec fee is \$214/ for their summer rec program in 4 week blocks. Mike feels parents should pay for their kids not the tax dollars.

Mike Grizkewitsch wants to sit with manager and write warrant articles. Selectman Tuttle stated that legal counsel writes our articles. Selectman Cummins does not feel it's a good idea.

### **7.3 Richmond Appeals Board**

Dana Sullivan, Chairman of the Board of Appeals stated that prior to Thanksgiving they had a meeting scheduled and then cancelled regarding a trailer being moved. During that time I asked the CEO to send a letter to the members explaining how and why this happened. That never got done. The board members are concerned. The appeals board try's not set precedence. We used to get information from Maine Municipal when training was going to be held. The Manager did get us training here in the office three years ago. The board would still like more training sessions and a letter of explanation on why the meeting was cancelled.

The Manager stated she does not know the details as to why it was cancelled but will be sure the board gets an explanation.

The Manager added that the land use ordinance has not been changed, the building codes is what passed at the November election. She asked the board to get me some days and times that work well for the board and she would schedule some training.

## **8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS**

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

### **9.1 Public**

Michail Grizkewitsch, Jr. asked if there is a way for town residents to get family stickers for the holding area. Buy one at full price and get a second sticker at cost for family vehicles. Selectman Cummins stated we will discuss this possibility. We will make it an agenda item to discuss at our next meeting.

### **9.2 Town Manager**

She received an email from Mr. Brown regarding a safety concern regarding the speed limit on the Alexander Reed Road in front of Lane Field. She wants to know where the board wants to go with this. Selectman Beckwith asked if we have to do a traffic study or to get a kids playing sign. The manager stated that when I received the concern I checked with police department to see if they had many complaints they hadn't had any, I also checked with daycares in the area and they had no issues.

Selectman Cummins stated that it is a 35mph zone on that portion of the Alexander Reed Road. Selectman Warner asked if the police department has done any radar patrol. The Manager responded not recently, last spring on Pleasant Street. Mike Grizkewitsch stated that DOT bases speed limit signs on home density. The manager stated she can ask MDOT to do a traffic study.

Selectman Warner stated we can have additional police coverage in area. Selectman Tuttle added to have our speed limit sign put up.

### **9.3 Selectmen**

Selectman Tuttle stated that the public works department has done a good job with all the snow removal .

### **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 Cummins seconded, motion passed (5-0).

## **11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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