

Tracy Tuttle, Chairman
Rose Beckwith-Vice Chairman
Clarence Cummins
Michelle Snowden
Daniel Dunton

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2011

1.0 Workshop at 4:00p.m.-Dresden Selectmen

2.0 CALL TO ORDER-6:00P.M.

Present: Clarence Cummins, Daniel Dunton, Rose Beckwith, Tracy Tuttle, Town Manager-Marian Anderson and Executive Assistant-Laurisa Loon.

Others Present: Mary Williams, Geoff Ragsdale, Betty Horning, Paul Adams, John Williams, Deborah Fisk, Mindy Hart, Shannon Heath, Mike Grizkavitsch. Children: Rowdy Veer & Grace Hart, Betty Horning, Pastor Tom, Bill Schellinger and Mary Turner.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2011.

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

5.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

6.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

School Standardized Based Learning-Debbie Fisk

Selectman discussion requested on school standardized testing.

Mary Helen, Deborah Fisk and John Williams as well as parents, students and a teacher gave a presentation on School Standards Base Learning, Community members training, and teacher training. There are five other Maine school that have adopted the Standardized Based Learning.

Several teachers have taken the training and are incorporating this style of teaching into the school.

Selectman Beckwith questioned how do you motivate the unmotivated student? Shannon Heath responded with creative learning standards for children.

The style of learning gives students the opportunity to work at their own pace, some students have the opportunity to graduate early and some maybe graduate later, but they will need to know the curriculum before moving forward.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Goals & Objectives-Marian Anderson
Selectman discussion on the 2011 Goals and Objectives for the Town of Richmond.

Tabled until the next meeting.

7.2 Richmond Days-Funding and Fireworks
Selectman discussion on Richmond Days

The board consensus was to move forward with Richmond Days.

7.3 Food Pantry Update-Marian Anderson
Selectman update on possible locations for food pantry.

The Methodist Church would like to host the food pantry. They are looking for help and input from the selectboard, citizens and business owners in town.

Good Shepherd Representatives are making sure that the screening process is being followed. The next mobile food pantry will be April 21st.

The Methodist Church feels that the facility is capable of hosting a pantry, if the selectboard agrees the next step would be to establish a board to run the food bank with the support of the community. The Methodist Church wants to be clear that this is not tied to their congregation they are just offering a space for a local food bank. They would like all neighboring churches to participate as well.

Mary Turner stated that approximately 113 families from January through June 2010 used the Food Bank. Out of 69 families, 56 were from Richmond during the first mobile food bank. Totals have not been taken at previous mobile food banks.

Transportation is a major issue for Richmond residents to travel to Gardiner to use their pantries.

Selectman Cummins stated that the previous pantry stated that the operating budget was around \$30,000. The town was appropriating approximately \$10,000.00, what is the standard cost to operating a food pantry. Luanne followed up that a town should not solely be sustaining the pantry, and the \$30,000 budget seems very high.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Appointment of Library Trustees-Marian Anderson
Selectman discussion on appointment of trustees for the Umerhine Library.

The Selectman would like an outline of what would be the duties of the trustees. The Town Manager stated she will be receiving a draft from the State Library on trustee duties, basically they would decide what books were purchased, help in budget preparation. The selectboard feels that a three member trustee board is sufficient and if in the future it needed to be enlarged that could be considered.

**8.2 Town Meeting Warrant Articles-Marian Anderson
Selectman discussion requested to discuss the Town Meeting Warrant.**

The Town Manager handed the board a draft warrant for their review.

9.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

10.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Public

Resident Paul Adams expressed concern that the State is taking a piece of land of the towns taxable properties. He also expressed a lot of concern that it would take a lot of money to withdraw from the RSU #2.

Resident Mike Grizkavitsch is interested in seeking withdrawal from the RSU #2, Selectman Dunton stated that he has a proposal he will bring up under Selectmen.

Selectmen

Selectman Cummins stated that he was upset over the snow removal proposal by MMA and was going to write a draft letter in concern, but according to MMA the newspapers did not have their facts right, they feel the newspaper misrepresented the proposal. If the proposal goes through as written it may cause issues with the Federal EPA, so he won't push the issue.

Selectman Dunton made a motion that we place a non binding referendum on the Jun 14th ballot to see if the Town of Richmond would like to withdraw from the RSU #2 and seek alternative options, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed (3-0-1) Rose Beckwith recused herself from discussion and vote.

Town Manager

Received the resignation of O'Neal Laplante effective June 30th from the RSU #2 board. There are three open seats up for election. Mark Pearson took out papers for selectboard 1 year position and the RSU board seat, he was unsure which position.

There is Elected Officials training if you are interested.

Received email from CMP on the smart reader project. Smart meters have been installed for 16% of Richmond residents, 17 have opted out so far.

10.1 Boards and Committees

11.0 WARRANTS

11.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants

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

12.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION-1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A)-PERSONNEL

Selectman Dunton moved to go into Executive Session, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (4-0).

No action taken

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:15p.m., Selectman Dunton seconded, motion passed (4-0).

Selectman Cummins made a motion to appoint Robert Howe as the Public Works Assistant Forman, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (4-0).

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

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