

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

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

City of Gardiner Finance Director-Denise Brown, City Manager-Scott Morelli, Fire Chief-Mike Minkowsky, O'neil Laplante, Paul Adams, Ryan Shea, Michail Grizkewitsch, William Terry, Town Manager-Marian Anderson and Executive Assistant-Laurisa Loon.

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

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2013

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2013, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

4.1 Resignation of Tamara Smith from the Budget Committee

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to accept Tamara Smith's resignation, Selectman Warner seconded, motion passed (4-0).

4.2 Appointments to Comprehensive Plan Committee

Mike Grizkewitsch is also interested in serving on the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to approve the nominees to the Comprehensive Plan Committee, Selectman Warner seconded, motion approved (4-0).

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 City of Gardiner-City Manager, Scott Morelli

Mike Minkowsky the City of Gardiner's Fire Chief was present to discuss Gardiner Ambulance services. He stated that their last proposal was unable to offer any savings with the uncollectibles. This proposal allows for uncollectibles. Selectman Warner asked if they have approached Dresden? Mike responded that we haven't approached them yet, but are going to.

There is a 16% decrease in the contract fees for towns, area towns would benefit from Richmond using Gardiner's services. This would be a two year contract. Selectman Warner stated that resident Paul Adams has worked with both ambulance services and maybe could offer some insight. Paul Adams stated that he was former Deputy Chief of the Richmond Fire Department. Paul asked should Richmond have a structure fire, would Gardiner send a unit? Northeast responded if Richmond requested a unit, then one would be sent. If it's a confirmed structure fire it would be under conditions to send a unit or call for a ladder. Paul Adams also asked if it is Gardiner's protocol if we have a car accident would they send Rescue #4. Mike responded that they no longer have Rescue #4 due to lack of use. Mike stated that if you have MCI we would send out the equipment or if you called for it, the commander would decide what you needed for resources. Selectman Cummins stated that cost wise there are no fees or cost to the town at this point. Mike responded that there is no cost after two years they would renegotiate a contract. Mike stated that this is a community based service not for profit, networking is important with area communities. Selectman Cummins asked if you would need more equipment if Richmond joined. Mike responded that we have enough equipment to cover Richmond. The Town manager asked Gardiner to send down a contract for legal counsel to review and asked if the board is comfortable in making a decision by March 20th. The consensus of the board was that they would like to compare the two contracts.

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Holding Area Stickers

Selectmen discussion requested on buying multiple stickers at cost.

The Town Manager stated that there has been past conversation on the fees we charge for stickers. I have put an inquiry out to list serve, those that charged for stickers, they all charge for second, third fourth vehicles, they also put the license plate number on the sticker. Some communities that did not charge for stickers, felt those services were included in the tax base.

Selectman Cummins stated that it has worked for us to charge for services, one vehicle one sticker. Selectman Warner stated we pay \$10 for one sticker we could give license numbers for numerous stickers. Selectman Beckwith stated she likes the idea of affixing them to the windshield and tracking the plates. Resident Mike Grizkewitsch stated that it's reasonable to charge an initial fee and a lower fee for the following stickers.

Selectman Warner made a motion to charge an initial fee for the first dump sticker of \$10 and \$2 each after the initial purchase and they must be affixed to the vehicle, Selectman Beckwith seconded motion passed (4-0).

7.2 Cooperative Agreement, Richmond-Dresden Bridge Project, WIN 15103.00

The Town Manager needs the boards authority to sign the cooperative agreement on the park enhancements that have been made near the Richmond/Dresden Bridge. The land will remain in the name of MDOT, but the Town of Richmond will maintain the area, the contract will expire in 2038. The enhancements include signage, picnic tables and covers, trees and shrubs, kiosk, interpretive panels, a flag pole, the boulder and plaque will be retained. Selectman Beckwith made motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the cooperative agreement, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

7.3 RYRA Building Improvement Proposal (Snack Shack)

Ryan Shea, Vice President of RYRA is looking to get the Snack Shack operational, they have a contractor that will provide services for free and Lowes will provide the material at cost. Ryan demonstrated the damage and needed repairs with labeled photos of the interior of the building.

Selectman Warner made a motion to approve the project, Selectman Beckwith seconded and asked where the money for the materials was coming from, Ryan stated that it was coming from the RYRA reserve fund, motion passed (4-0).

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Assessor Initiative Abatement-Albert, Lisa (U07-036-00) \$143.64-2012 Assessor Initiative Abatement-Albert, Lisa (U07-036-00) \$141.44-2011

8.2 Supplemental-Property Renovations LLC (U07-036-00)-\$465.12-2012 Supplemental-Property Renovations LLC (U07-036-00)-\$462.40-2011

Selectman Beckwith made a motion to accept the assessor initiative abatement and supplemental to new owners, Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed (4-0).

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Public

Mike Grizkewitsch stated that he thinks down the road citizens should be aware and have access to information he was fortunate to have access to numbers, there is always room for improvement, if a citizen approaches the board with an idea they should listen, and give latitude. I don't know the dates to accomplish the goals. Would like procedure's to follow on how to start a citizen's petition. When it comes to dollars and cents you have an obligation to bring it to town meeting. Selectman Warner responded that you gave the board a lot of information and fifteen minutes to try to digest it, you may have valid points we need to look at the whole picture and look at what happens at town meeting, it would be helpful to give out the information prior to a board meeting

and prior to town meeting. Mike stated that he will wait a year, to see if it needs to be improved, and present the board with a solution. Selectman Warner agrees that there should be an informational sheet if someone wants to put something on the warrant outlining what you have to do. The Manager responded that the Clerk referred to MMA and now has the packet of information on a citizen's petition.

O'Neil Laplante stated that in 2008 when Lane Field was done the flag pole from Bowdoinham American Legion was going to be put up by the Memorial rock. The pole is still lying there and has never been put up and might also be of use with the lighting project. The Manager responded that she would have public works install it in the spring.

9.2 Town Manager

A reminder there is a workshop with Steve Musica on the proposal for the library at 4:00p.m. on March 12th here at the town office. O'Neil Laplante stated that he is impressed with the work Steve has done, its a good facility with money that is there and he has used local contractors as much as possible. Selectman Cummins stated that he has a couple of concerns, he will need to redesign the interior according to the State Fire Marshal due to the distance between the exit doors, also someone mentioned air conditioning. Selectman Warner stated that we looked at 5000 b.t.u. for air conditioning but they need dehumidification more than anything to help preserve the books.

9.3 Selectmen

Selectman Warner stated that he was approached by Bill Kelleher from Kennebec River Bio Sciences, they have started work on the office on the corner of Darrah Street. They recently obtained financing through MCOG which included money to renovate the 45 Main Street building. Funding for the loan was provided by USDA so the project had to be reviewed by the Maine Historical Preservation Commission (MHPC). In order to close on the loan, MPHPC required a number of conditions to be met in order to meet Federal regulations regarding historical buildings. They needed to close on the loan and could not risk negotiating with them so agreed to their conditions with the intent of contesting their findings after closing. They have officially contested their findings and are trying to negotiate with them regarding what materials they can use on the outside of the building and whether the doors etc. will meet their standard.

They feel this level of intrusion, especially in an instance where this is their money, is completely unwarranted and feel the process is deeply flawed. It would be wonderful if they could get a letter stating that the work done to date has been a great improvement to the downtown and that Kennebec Biosciences is a committed partner with the town on redevelopment.

Selectman Cummins stated that Lee Smith is giving a lecture on Fort Richmond, Sunday March 10th at the Augusta City Center at 2:00p.m., also Wednesday March 13th at 7:00p.m.

Also all the selectmen received a letter regarding the notice of violation at the old Pleasant Pond Market, could you please place on the agenda for next week.

9.4 Boards and Committees-None

10.0 WARRANT

10.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants.

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

10.2 Town Meeting Warrant

The Manager provided the board with a draft copy of the town warrant and new budget explanation worksheets. Please review the document and double check the numbers.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Warner made a motion to adjourn at 7:15p.m., Selectman Poulin seconded, motion passed, (4-0).