

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

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE RICHMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00P.M.-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011

1.0 CALL TO ORDER-5:00P.M.-6:00P.M.-BUDGET WORKSHOP

Selectmen Present: Tracy Tuttle, Clarence Cummins, Rose Beckwith and Dan Dunton.

Town Manager-Marian Anderson, Executive Assistant-Laurisa Loon, Chief Scott MacMaster, Deborah Fisk, Elizabeth Houston, Theresa Trott, Harold Trott, Kenneth Jones, Gary Nash, Marsha Pratt, Naomi York, Paul Adams, Allan Moeller and David Bernier.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 REQUEST TO APPROVE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2011 & APRIL 6, 2011.

The board tabled momentarily until Selectman Tuttle arrived.

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

4.0 APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS

5.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATION

5.1 Road Maintenance Discontinuance Public Hearing on the Trott, Lena and Old Reed Road.

Selectman Dunton made a motion to move into public hearing at 6:02p.m., Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed (3-0). (Selectman Tuttle arrived later).

Elizabeth Houston a resident of the Alexander Reed Road, stated that she does not want the road discontinued, it would cost a lot of money to have the road plowed and maintained which is a cost she cannot afford.

Theresa Trott, Harold Trott and Ken Jones residents of the Trott Road do not feel there was adequate time given and would like more information from the town on how much it is going to impact them.

Selectman Cummins questioned what is the Town portion of road length? Theresa Trott responded about 2,000 feet. Selectman Cummins questioned if she lived on the town portion of road, she responded, no.

Selectman Dunton stated that the roads were reviewed after riding with the public works director, also these roads were being considered discontinued in 2007.

Gary Nash questioned how these roads were chosen and not other dead end streets. Also, what is the savings and would it result in reduced taxes?

Allan Moeller the Public Works Director stated that the Lena Road is a range-way so no one would get landlocked.

Selectman Cummins questioned if there are similar roads that the Town does not plow? Allan Moeller responded, that they inspect each year which roads might need to be discontinued. The last discontinued road was Starbird Lane.

The cost on maintenance is about \$5,000/year for snow plowing and sanding for the three roads. The State figures approximately \$5,200/yearly to plow a mile of road.

Theresa Trott stated that she has three children that may want to build on the road and questioned if the town will ever take it back?

Selectman Tuttle agrees that it was short notice and not enough information was given.

Gary Nash questioned if the maintenance is bad on these roads how will a fire truck get in or other emergency vehicle? The Town spends money on plowing sidewalks and not on roads in the country?

Theresa Trott would propose to look into alternatives on shared maintenance.

The Town Manager stated that if the board wanted these on the town meeting warrant it would need to be approved tonight.

Selectman Dunton made a motion to close the public hearing, Selectman Cummins seconded, motion passed, (4-0).

Selectman Cummins made a motion to table the issue of discontinuance of roads until a time certain, Selectman Beckwith seconded, motion passed (4-0).

6.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

8.0 ASSESSOR ITEMS-NEW BUSINESS

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS-ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Public

Paul Adams-questioned the proposed RSU #2 referendum vote.

Selectman Dunton responded that all the board is doing is asking for the town's opinion. He is getting approached by residents with negative comments, so he would like to see in a vote that the residents want the town to explore the option for getting out of the RSU. The board does not know if they are only hearing from 10% of the community that is unhappy or is it 90%. If there is a demand for withdrawal it's a long process and it does not happen overnight. This referendum is to give the board guidance. The board understands there is a new superintendent that has been told during the hiring process what the issues are and the board is looking forward to an open and more communicative relationship.

Gary Nash stated he would like to see the senior funding go on the town meeting warrant.

Selectman Tuttle responded that the board appreciates what Mr. Nash has done for the seniors and in reality their budget would be higher if not for his assistance and they will be on the town warrant.

9.2 Selectman

Selectman Beckwith questioned the status of dump stickers? The Town Manager responded that there is no change at this time.

Selectman Tuttle questioned the status of the Library Board? The Town Manager responded she is going to invite the interested parties after the budget process has run.

Selectman Dunton stated there is a budget meeting in Monmouth on the 25th.

Selectman Tuttle would like to see the RSU board report regularly to the board of selectmen at a joint meeting.

May 31st there will be a RSU meeting in Richmond and the Referendum vote on June 7th. On May 2nd there will be video conference at 2:45p.m., to meet the new superintendent.

9.3 Town Manager

The Town Manager reported that the library funds are currently \$245,533.00 as of 3/31/11.

9.4 Boards and Committees-None

10.0 WARRANTS

10.1 Request for action regarding all disbursement warrants

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

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

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