



## TOWN OF RICHFORD

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Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

1<sup>st</sup> Bi-Monthly Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by board Chair Andrew Derby with Linda Collins, Scott Coons, Jacques Desautels and Sherry Paquette present.

Guests in attendance:	Joey Randall	Courtney Tillotson	Joe Pollender
Michael Hranek	Michelle Raymo	Pamela Royea	Joshua Aldrich
Anita Sartwell	Alan Fletcher	Annette Goyne	Jeremy Paquette
Roger Lindala	Nancy Campbell	Dean Perry	Tim Paquette

Derby made note of a change in the order of the agenda.

Agenda guest Courtney Tillotson discussed his concerns with the speeds at which vehicles travel Magoon Rd.

Guest Michael Hranek expressed concern regarding timely completion of the rail trail extension. Hranek departed later at 8:55 PM.

March 18<sup>th</sup> minutes: Derby had a correction and Collins had many which she covered and provided copy for. Collins made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 18<sup>th</sup> as Amended; Paquette seconded; motion carried.

Derby started a conversation to amend the Personnel Policy. A meeting was set for Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 4 PM to continue.

Derby followed up on the Highway Employment advertisements. Discussion ensued; Desautels made a motion to make Coons temporary Highway Foreman; Collins seconded; Coons abstained; motion carried.

Employee comp time was discussed briefly. Consensus was to hold off while more information was gathered.

Options for a new plow truck were discussed as were bids from Clark and from Charlebois. Collins made the motion to purchase the new truck from Charlebois; Derby seconded; motion carried.

REAC's requests from 3-18-19 for a town hall phone line and PO Box were discussed. The PO Box belongs to the Town Treasurer and would be inappropriate but Collins will answer the Selectboard phone extension on behalf of REAC as well (call tree update); as for the loan assistance REAC needs first go back to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

Derby announced to the majority of the board he and Collins had a meeting with NOTCH announcing an approaching retirement; which in turn will impact how the ambulance service is managed. The board will consider its options. EMTs were on hand offering input.

Water/Sewer: Coons reported on additional radio read installs and that SOS checked the intake.

Collins mentioned a road survey.

Derby read a letter from Michael Hranek withdrawing his request made to the board 3/18/2019.

Buildings: Paquette reports on status of Fire Station, Town Hall, & Library projects; she is seeking quotes for insulating the Town Hall attic as well.

Parks/Playgrounds/Cemeteries: Collins reports on Main St Park and Davis Park.

Police: Collins spoke of the recent vandalism noting cameras picked up enough to make positive IDs. Derby met with the Sheriff regarding hours and Bi-Monthly reports. On APRIL 25, at 7PM THE SELECTBOARD WILL HOST A PUBLIC MEETING IN THE AUDITORIUM ON POLICING. From the information gathered Derby will meet with the Sheriff again at some point afterwards.

Conservation Commission: Annette Goyne & Nancy Campbell spoke on the 'Community Bird House Project'; 'Green Up Day' which is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: May 4<sup>th</sup> this year: NO TIRES please; the town's "Forest Management Plan" and the Emerald Ash Borer.

Other Business:

Joe Pollender asked the board to consider hiring a professional economic development person. Board discussion cited REAC's roll in economic development.

Board discussion ensued to consider buying more dilapidated properties, demolish the structures and otherwise improve the town's image.

Collins reports on a discovery in a deed indicating the Playground belongs to the school!

Paquette reports on doing a Richford Easter Egg Hunt in Davis Park on April 20<sup>th</sup>. She was hoping for the board's support. Collins makes a motion to donate \$250; Derby seconds; motion carries.

Coons had some questions regarding town barn keys, camera system, and alarm system.

At 9:41 PM Collins made the motion to recess the selectboard meeting to convene a Liquor Control Board hearing; Paquette seconded the motion; motion carried.

Collins made the motion to approve American Legion's Liquor License application; Paquette seconded; motion carried.

Meetings adjourned at 9:44 PM.

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