



## TOWN OF RICHFORD

Selectboard

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### UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Monday, December 17, 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Selectboard Meeting

Select chair Linda Collins called the meeting to order at 1900 hours with Wayne Hurtubise, Sherry Paquette, Arthur Pond, and Norris Tillotson present. Also present were: Scribe Eric Collins, camera-person Sarah West, Alan Fletcher and Anita Sartwell from the Clerk & Treasurer's Office, and guests: Gary Atherton, Joey Randall, Carolyn Gendron, Jeff Goyne, Amy Whitney, Sara Monell, Kevin Briggs, Joe Pollander, and Dan Newton. Tracy Ovitt and Micheal Hrenek joined the meeting at 1905 hours. Charen Fegard joined the meeting at 1910 hours, as did Duane Hebert at 1930 hours.

While on the agenda, the treasurer's office concluded its business with the board during the preceding budget hearing.

Jeff Goyne wanted the board to make a formal request of a law enforcement agency to re-open an investigation into this past summer's allegations of improper use of town funds/acquisitions. The selectboard reiterated policies have been put in place to ensure such situations can't occur in the future. The board has done its due diligence by individually examining the allegations. By full consensus of the board a formal investigation wasn't requested then nor will be entertained now.

Charen Fegard our town rep-elect introduced herself to the board and guests. She also broke the news that for the time being she will be the only town rep for our district as Josh Aldridge has resigned. Act46 was discussed a bit.

Tracy Ovitt brought news to the selectboard involving 3 dogs, 2 cats, and a darkened, below freezing, abandoned apartment. Due to the dogs having fought, the surrendered canines required immediate veterinary care which was paid for out-of-pocket by volunteer helpers. Motion made by Mrs. Paquette, seconded by Mr. Hurtubise to reimburse the volunteers for their expenses made on behalf of the rescue effort. A brief conversation ensued between Kevin Briggs President of Franklin County Animal Rescue, Amy Whitney, and the board regarding a possible future relationship and they would be in touch.

Tracy Ovitt, Kevin Briggs, Amy Whitney, Sara Monell left the meeting as did Joey Randall, Carolyn Gendron, Dan Newton and Michael Hrenek.

Chair then recognized visitors. Joe Pollender asked the board to hire a full time economic development person by raising taxes.

Mrs. Paquette made the motion to approve the Selectboard minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mr. Pond seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Hurtubise reported on highways. Many accolades for road conditions and having roads completed by 7AM daily.

Mr. Pond reported towing is working well.

Mr. Tillotson says the Water Dept. has ordered a meter to test the accuracy of water meters. Also he reports both blowers are back online at the sewer plant.

Mrs. Paquette indicates the Town Hall roof is just about finished.

Treasurer Fletcher & Asst. Clerk Sartwell leave the meeting.

Mr. Pond reports all quiet at Parks, Playground, and Cemeteries. He did however get a quote for cameras for around the perimeter of the emergency services building.

At 2000 hours Mrs. Paquette made the Motion to Adjourn, Seconded by Arthur, Motion Carried.

True copy:  Attested: 12-20-2018