



TOWN OF RICHFORD

Selectboard

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UNAPPROVED

Monday, December 03, 2018

The Select board met at 7 PM for its regular meeting. Present were: Linda Collins, Wayne Hurtubise, Sherry Paquette, Arthur Pond, and Norris Tillotson.

Asst. Clerk Anita Sartwell was also in attendance as well as residents Larry Carr, Eric Collins, Linda Coons, Scott Coons, & Joey Randall.

Larry Carr was looking for the board to support his claim that a previous selectboard or board of trustees had given him authority to store autos on his property off Noyes St. He hasn't a copy of any previous minutes or 'authorities' to support his claim. Mr. Carr told the board to "sit tight" as he'll investigate it further on his own.

Mrs. Coons read a letter to Ms. Collins referring to Mr. Coons letter of 11-19-18 wondering why a registered letter had come to them. Ms. Collins as Chair tried to explain it but a 'round-robin' ensued as the 'minutes situation of 8-15' has been explained and apologized for that again, on 11-05, & on 11-19. Essentially Mr. Coon's letter claimed to represent 'concerned citizens' and had given the selectboard ten days to respond. Ms. Collins responded to the only person who signed the letter. Ms. Collins polled the board who felt the issue had been discussed before the response was written.

A discussion as to when to hold budget meetings was brought up deciding to have the budget done by the end of December. The first two meetings will be held Mon. 12-10 & Tue. 12-11 from 4 to 6 PM. Monday's topic will be Personnel & Tuesday's topic will be Highway.

Mr. Hurtubise made the motion to purchase the 44 River St. property. Ms. Collins seconded the motion and asked if there were any further discussion explaining there were funds set aside from tax sale funds. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Ms. Collins made a motion for the town to obtain underwear & tee shirts for the highway department. Mr. Hurtubise seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Highways: Mr. Hurtubise: All good. Getting ready for the next storm.

Water/Sewer: Mr. Tillotson: All good & running well.

Playground/Parks/Cemeteries: Mr. Pond: Been some tree damage & Waiting on a few bids.

Police Commissioner: Mr. Pond: Commercial towing insurance has been an issue.

Buildings: Mrs. Paquette: Waiting on keys for Ambulance bays; Outstanding library issue; Tower stairs bid & process; Fire station general access door frame is shot: contractor is seeking a source for a replacement; Door handle issue with the emergency services bldg. elevator.

West Jay Rd: Jay: Ms. Collins: Richford hasn't billed Jay for plowing the West Jay Rd. the past six years due to an oversight. We back billed them and received a check for \$30,000.

Ms. Collins made a motion that Mr. Collins take minutes for the board. The motion carried. The board then added a stipend of \$35 for each meeting; in addition to taking the minutes Mr. Collins is to prepare, publish, post, and ensure they are in the vault within the 5 day open meeting law guideline.

Ms. Collins reminded the board they are invited to RBC's Annual Christmas bash.

Ms. Collins then told the board she did not send the letter of reprimand discussed out of executive session of the last meeting but sent a different letter instead which she would explain in executive session for which they would take no action.

Ms. Collins made a motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Mr. Hurtubise to discuss personnel at 8:05P

Selectboard came out of executive session at 08:15PM
No action taken.

Selectboard adjourned at 08:16PM

Attested by:  Date: 12-04-2018