



TOWN OF RICHFORD

Selectboard

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

On Monday, February 18, 2019 board chair Linda Collins called the second regular monthly meeting to order at approximately 7PM. Other board members present are Wayne Hurtubise, Sherry Paquette, Arthur Pond, and Norris Tillotson .

Present on the Agenda and Scribe is Eric Collins. Other guests tonight are Sheriff Roger Langevin, Scott Coons, Joshua Aldridge, Michelle Raymo, Joey Randall, and camera-gal Sarah West.

The chair opened with agenda items. While the Sheriff wasn't on the agenda he was allowed to present first to discuss the police contract. The contract the Sheriff had with him did not have a yearly total entered. The board had previously discussed an amount but not approved it awaiting a new contract. Mr. Pond has the most current copy from the Sheriff but not with him. Mr. Tillotson pulled out a current copy of the budget and quoted "\$123,400 for 2017". The Sheriff says the new contract will be "\$4000 more". Mr. Pond makes the motion to approve a new contract for \$127,400, Mrs. Paquette seconds, Mr. Tillotson abstains. Motion carries. Further discussion ensues and Chair Collins asks Mr. Pond to bring in the new contract so it can be signed with the Wednesday bills. The Sheriff then discusses some of the things his office is doing differently such as setting up a portal for each community to retrieve town statistics.

On behalf of the Listers, Mr. Collins presents the board with the new CLA (110.08) & COD(16.79) along with the explanation of each. While the town has had similar numbers in recent past years the disparity hasn't been the same. Queries by the board lead to the necessity to explain what the CLA is, what the COD is, and what occurs as the disparity grows. The Chair did an excellent job helping guide Mr. Collins in his task of informing the rest of the board of the process of going out with many 'Request For Proposals'. Essentially the Listers are seeking permission to contract an Appraisal Firm to do a Town Wide Reappraisal to be completed in 2022. Before that can happen though qualified appraisers need be found and that is why RFPs are being sent out.

Chair Collins then explained the lady from the state that was supposed to attend the Asset Management Meeting for our Water System wants us to repeat the meeting so she can attend. Even though Aldrich & Elliott previously sent her the minutes she's insistent. Ms. Collins will let the board know the date.

Other notes:

-Chair Collins is no longer a Notary.

-Real estate. The town completed transactions on the River St property it bought and the Elm St property it sold.

-A citizen filed a claim against the town for ice damage to a vehicle which the insurance company dismissed as having no merit/proof.

Water/Sewer: Mr. Tillotson says it's that time of year when all's good.

Highway: Mr. Hurtubise: Winter and the Ice is everywhere, this past weekend being no exception. The guys are doing a good job keeping up with it. The salt budget will likely be depleted.

Buildings: Mrs. Paquette is soliciting sources for signage for "Falling Ice" signs for buildings. Mrs. Sheltra has reported the rubber membrane is pulling away from the brick façade on the post office roof, this causing leakage in the superintendent's offices. The new utility sink and washing machine have been installed at the fire department though some bad seals have slowed down the job. Mr. Peters is dealing with a roof leak on the fire department side of the emergency services building.

Parks-Playgrounds-Cemeteries: Mr. Pond says all is cold. He started a discussion regarding the safety of the bleachers stating some are unsafe from both a practical and insurance view. He was wondering if perhaps they should all should be taken out and people bring their own chairs; someone noted Notch uses some of the bleachers and should be approached as well for a solution. No actual course of action was determined.

At 7:40PM the chair recessed the Selectboard meeting to enter a Liquor Control Board Meeting to address the application of Dollar General for a 2nd Class Liquor License. Ms. Collins made the motion to approve Dollar General's Application, Mr. Pond seconded, Mrs. Paquette recued herself from the vote, the motion carried. The chair closed this meeting.

At 7:43PM the chair reconvened the Selectboard meeting to discuss whether or not to have a meeting before the informational Town Meeting on Monday March 4th. The perceived problem of course is that selectboard meetings are the first Monday of the month and will clash with the Informational Meeting warned for 7PM as well. The Selectboard decided to meet on March 4th at 6:30PM in the conference room before going upstairs for the Informational Meeting. The School Board is up first. There is no school budget to vote on so no one is anticipating a long School Board portion before getting into the Town Meeting portion of the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting for the evening at 7:50PM

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