



## TOWN OF RICHFORD

Selectboard

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### UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The Richford Selectboard meets regularly bi-monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays. Minutes shall be posted as Unapproved within 5 days. At a subsequent meeting the previous meeting(s) will either be approved or amended. Either way the 'Unapproved' heading will not change as new minutes are posted. Should minutes be amended they will be so marked with both sets of language. The vault will contain the original and the amended hardcopies. The website shall carry a single set of minutes per date with both the original and the amended text. *estec-2019*

On Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7 P.M. board chair Linda Collins called the first regular meeting of the month to order. Other board members present are Wayne Hurtubise, Sherry Paquette, Arthur Pond, and Norris Tillotson .

Also present are: Scribe Eric Collins, camera-person Lane McElree, Agenda guests Suzi Hull Casavant and Gary Atherton. Another guest Claude Columbe is also in attendance.

Chair recognizes Agenda guests.

Mrs. Hull-Casavant is here on behalf of the Enosburg Food Shelf seeking monetary consideration from the board as there may not be time to sufficiently petition to add an article to the March ballot. She states 29% of its clients are from Richford while 33% are from Enosburg and the rest from nearby towns. The board will take up her request later in the meeting.

Mr. Atherton is seeking a change to the minutes of November 20, 2018. He brought a letter verbatim of the text he'd present. At the end of his reading of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph (Scribe) interrupted him... and looked to the chair for permission to explain to Mr. Atherton: '[... dates ...] used to occur that way because the Word program picked up the date the minutes were formally typed, usually the day after the meeting. That process has since changed.' Mr. Atherton was asked to continue, which he did and wants the wording "Scott Coons read a letter charging Linda Collins with violating the open meeting law" changed to "Scott Coons and concerned citizens charged the select board of violating the open meeting law". After a brief discussion, Mrs. Paquette made the motion to honor Mr. Atherton's request. Mr. Pond seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Mr. Columbe approached the board seeking line item support to assist the Richford Senior Rascals with transportation needs. More specifically the money would be used towards fuel to transport seniors on field trips out of town. The board will take up his request later in the meeting.

Chair: -Mr. Wetherby will be continuing the garbage contract

-The last budget meeting is Thursday, January 10 at 4 P.M.

-Officers Reports are due by Friday, January 18

-5yr plan: It may be time to look at/take actions in our Watershed Forestland

Mr. Hurtubise reported on highways.

Mr. Tillotson says the Brow Hill Reservoir is about cleaned up. A leak has been pinpointed at the corner of Dewey & Province. He reports water is good, aeration is good, and the sewer plant would like to add a backup blower in case of failure.

Ms. Collins interjected the closing is expected this week on the River St. house and 21 Elm has been properly posted towards the sale.

Mrs. Paquette indicates the new door and furnaces for the fire side of the Emergency Services Building are on order with 2018 funding. The Town Hall roof was finished. And there are a couple trees at the post office showing signs of failure. It is the consensus of the board to have them dwelt with.

Mr. Pond is trying to obtain an accident report in regards to an incident involving auto vs: Main St. Park, he has some cameras on order, and there is a tree down at the back of the South Richford Cemetery which he will let go until spring cleanup.

Mrs. Paquette made the motion to approve the Selectboard minutes of December 18th, 2018; Mr. Tillotson seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Paquette made the motion and Mr. Tillotson seconded to allowed the Lion's Fireworks Display to be set off from the Water Plant July 2019.

Mr. Pond has had no contact thus far with the new sheriff.

Other business:

Food Shelf discussion: Mr. Hurtubise made the motion and Ms. Collins seconded it to provide a one-time funding amount to the Enosburg Food Shelf of \$500 and a one-time funding amount to the Richford Food Shelf of \$800 to come from the 2018 budget. Motion carried.

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Senior Rascals discussion: Mrs. Paquette made the motion and Mr. Hurtubise seconded it to provide a one-time funding amount of \$250 to the Richford Senior Rascals from the 2018 budget. Motion carried.

At 8:20 P.M. Mrs. Paquette made the Motion to Adjourn, Seconded by Mr. Pond, Motion carried.

On Monday, January 7, 2019 at 8:22 P.M. board chair Linda Collins called the Liquor Control Board to order. Other board members present are Wayne Hurtubise, Sherry Paquette, Arthur Pond, and Norris Tillotson .

Also present are: Scribe Eric Collins and camera-person Lane McElree.

Two licenses applications are presented for renewal.

Mrs. Paquette made the motion to accept and sign the application of The Crossing and Mr. Hurtubise seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Paquette made the motion to accept and sign the application of Vista and Ms. Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Collins made the motion to Adjourn; seconded by Mr. Pond. Motion carried at 8:25 P.M.

True copy: Alan Collins Attested: 1-10-2019