



TOWN OF RICHFORD

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF

MARCH 11

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

2019

On Monday, March 11, 2019 board chair Linda Collins called the organizational meeting to order at approximately 7PM. Other board members present are Scott Coons, Andy Derby, Jacques Desautels, and Sherry Paquette. Scribe present is Eric Collins. Other guests tonight are Joshua Aldridge, Michelle Raymo, Pam Royea, Michael Hrenek, John Libbey, Joe Pollender, and NWA-TV cameraman Roger Liidala.

The chair opened with a welcome to new board members Coons, Derby, and Desautels.

Discussion ensued regarding the amendment of the minutes of 2/18. However all three incumbents running for re-election were defeated leaving only two seats filled, hence no quorum of the original board any longer exists from when the minutes were written. As such the minutes of 2/18 cannot ever be approved nor amended. Chair Collins will let the requesting party know the minutes of 2/18 cannot be changed. Subsequent meeting minutes will be handled differently in absence of an agenda item being fulfilled.

A brief conversation ensued on making minutes more visible including paying NWA-TV so that board meetings appear on U-Tube again, or possibly interface with Facebook in some fashion.

Chair Collins then imparted a number of items of info upon the new board members for their edification: personnel policies; agendas; elements of chair; highway department; budgets; grants; water/sewer department & water asset management plan project involvement meetings; public buildings & leases; parks, playgrounds, cemeteries, police & dogs; ambulance & fire, VTRANS bridge #44 & \$350K awarded grant; a Development Review Board hearing warned for 7PM Tuesday evening March 12 at Town Hall to hear the application of Robert McAllister for a Snack Bar on Troy St adjacent the cemetery in a Commercial/Industrial Zone.

Then Chair Collins suggested the board enter an executive session to discuss the board's organization. With general consensus Chair Collins made the motion to enter executive session at 7:15PM with Mrs. Paquette seconding to discuss personnel. Motion carried.

At 7:45PM Chair Collins made the motion to come out of executive session with Mr. Derby seconding. Motion carried.

As a result of executive session:

- Mrs. Paquette made the motion to appoint Andy Derby as Chair of the Selectboard; Ms. Collins seconded the motion; motion carried.
- Mr. Derby made the motion to appoint Linda Collins as Assistant Chair of the Selectboard; Mrs. Paquette seconded the motion; motion carried.
- Mr. Derby made the motion to appoint Jacques Desautels as Highway Commissioner; Ms. Collins seconded the motion; motion carried.
- Mr. Coons made the motion to appoint Andy Derby serve as Assistant Highway Commissioner; Ms. Collins seconded the motion; motion carried.
- Ms. Collins made the motion to appoint Scott Coons as Chair of both the Water & of the Sewer Departments; Mr. Derby seconded the motion; motion carried.
- Ms. Collins made the motion to appoint Sherry Paquette as the Assistant Chair of both the Water & the Sewer Departments; Mr. Jacques Desautels seconded the motion; motion carried.
- Mr. Coons made the motion to appoint Sherry Paquette as the Chair of Public Buildings; Ms. Collins seconded the motion; motion carried.
- Mr. Derby made the motion to appoint Mr. Scott Coons as Assistant Chair of Public Buildings; Mr. Desautels seconded the motion; motion carried.
- Mr. Derby made the motion to appoint Linda Collins as the Chair of Parks, Playgrounds & Cemeteries and as the Police Commissioner; Mrs. Paquette seconded the motion; motion carried.
- Ms. Collins made the motion to appoint Andy Derby as the Assistant Chair of Parks, Playgrounds & Cemeteries and as the Assistant Police Commissioner; Mr. Coons seconded the motion; motion carried.

Ms. Collins then went on to explain there was a new Selectpersons Class available in Rutland, March 30 for anyone interested.

Many town positions are up for re-appointment on an annual basis. One such appointment is e-911 Coordinator; concurrently the Housing Officer (while up this year, a 3 year term) are both held by the same person. Ms. Collins called for the board to entertain a motion to reappoint Mrs. Kim Collins to these positions.

From the audience Mr. Joshua Aldridge stated he'd like to be considered for these positions. Mr. Derby then asked for more info on these two positions and was given an in depth review of the jobs, where the ordinances came from, how long Mrs. Collins had been doing the work, etc. Mr. Derby inquired of Ms. Collins whether Kim Collins' work was satisfactory. At the conclusion Mr. Derby asked Mr. Aldridge if he still wished to be considered for the job at which time Aldridge withdrew. Mrs. Paquette made a motion to reappoint Kim Collins to a 3yr. term as Housing Code Officer; Mr. Derby seconded the motion; motion carried. Ms. Collins made a motion to reappoint Kim Collins as the e911 coordinator; Mrs. Paquette seconded the motion; motion carried.

Discussing the work of the Animal Control Officer, Ms. Collins made the motion to reappoint Tracy Ovitt; Mrs. Paquette seconded the motion; Motion carried.

A number of other possible appointments were discussed but it was decided Ms. Collins would make some calls as to peoples' continuing interest in serving before additional appointments.

Much has been accomplished and it was decided to adjourn. Time: 8:50PM

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