



TOWN OF RICHFORD

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Unapproved Minutes Select Board Meeting July 1, 2019

Chair Andy Derby called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the following select board members present: Linda Collins, Scott Coons, Jacques Desautels and Sherry Paquette. Others in attendance were: Joey Randall, , Josh Aldrich ,Game Warden Josh Hungerford, Norris Tillotson, Joanne Daignault. Lt. John Grismore, David Gilderdale(VASA), Scott Boyce, Randy Farrar, Mark Carpenter, Will Veve and camera man Roger Lindala.

Randy Farrar presented the board with a map of Richford roads VASA would like see opened to the public. Lt. John Grismore of the Franklin County Sheriff's Department told the board his department has signed an agreement with VASA for enforcement of rules regarding four wheeler operation. He said the partnership will help regulate and correct behavior and enforcement will be easier. They have a similar partnership with VAST.

Hungerford explained that his department will be checking registrations and they have a contract with VASA to do patrols. Sherry Paquette made a motion to approve opening all the updated roads on the map. Desautels made a second. Motion approved. The map will be posted at the town hall and an ordinance will be warned. The agreement will be revisited on a yearly basis.

Collins requested flashing speed signs for Troy St and upper Province St. from the deputy sheriff.

Will Veve presented an update on a proposal from Net Metering Solar. His proposal would put Richford in a group including: Coventry, Canaan and Jay that would potentially save \$3500 per year in electric bills for town buildings. The company provides net meter credits toward the cost of electricity. The board made no decision at this time.

Paquette made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17 meeting. Coons second with a request to change the word “water” to “sewer” in the minutes.
Passed

Derby said he and Collins met with Darlene Gregoire to discuss progress on the Rail Trail Extension to be sure things will get done. Collins presented a letter from Bethany Remmers giving an update on progress with easements.

Coons reported a complaint by Mrs. Keith Jackson about the town spraying salt on shrubs that have died and need to be replaced.. Discussion centered around the rough winter and several freezes. Coons said they will be more careful with salt in the future.

Coons reported that 911 Co Ordinator Kim Collins is doing updates and the state is pressuring her to clear up the discrepancies on the East Richford/West Jay Road. The board would like the name of the road to remain the East Richford Slide Road as it has been historically and will ask Collins to negotiate with Jay.

Water and Sewer Commissioner Coons reported a water leak by the bridge and one on Eastern Ave that are being looked at.

Joanne Daignault, Scott Boyce, Randy Farrar, Mark Carpenter and David Gilderdale left the meeting at 7:45, Will Veve left at 8:15.

Buildings Commissioner Paquette reported that Bobby Peters is working on the porch on the library. She said the building was painted two years ago and is already peeling and windows are rotted. John Mercy is installing a new furnace.

Norris Tillotson asked to speak and told the board if they go along with all proposals they are making a mistake just like they did in the “60’s”. Tillotson left at 8:30.

Collins reported that she has a worker doing 100 hours of community service and encouraged other board members to look for jobs for the person. He will start by painting park benches. She also requested that Desautels give her a way to reach him during the workday.

She also presented several ordinances that prohibit parking in some areas of the village. Several complaints have been made because of poor visibility from a trailer parked continuously at the old A&P building. It prevents visibility from Town House Hill and the Legion Parking lot, as well as being a hindrance to large trucks turning the corner. She requested that Coons repaint all the no parking areas on the corners of the bridge so there is no question . He agreed.

She said a car had been swiped on River St. and Arkie Pond found the incident on camera and he and Sheriff Jim Bose took care of the matter.

Road Commissioner Desautels said work is being done on the Corliss Road and the ledges and ditches are nearly done.

Paquette added that she has a quote to fix remotes on the doors at the Emergency Services Station.

Desautels questioned why the fire department is allowed to sell water to fill pools and added that on the way to a fill up a driver lost anti freeze. Randall, a former member of the department, said the truck belongs to the fire association, not the town and they use donations to purchase trucks.

Derby reported that Attorney General T. J. Donovan will visit Richford on Tuesday, July 9 at 10 a.m. to listen to the concerns of citizens.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.