

## Unapproved Selectboard Minutes May 7, 2018

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present were Select board members, Linda Collins, Norris Tillotson, Sherry Paquette and Wayne Hurtubise, Bruce Wetherby, Chuck McAllister, John Libbey, Carolyn Gendron, Tina Lamos, Jeff Lamos, Noah Pollack and Sarah West cameraperson.

Zoning Administrator John Libbey reported that he has sent letters on three zoning violations, two concerning trash build up in East Richford.

Bruce Wetherby reported that he will be charged \$29 per ton more for tipping fees and requested an increase of 20 cents per sticker for trash. The board agreed and the increase will be seen in the June billing. Wetherby said because China is no longer accepting recycled materials from the United States the price has increased.

Paquette made a motion to accept the minutes of the APRIL 16 meeting. Second by Hurtubise. Approved.

Noah Pollack of the Northwest Canoe Trail announced the upcoming Paddle/Peddle event that coincides with Riverfest on June 23. He asked that the route begin and end at Davis Park. It used to end at the Rail Trail on Troy St. Canoeists paddle down the river and peddle back on the trail. He also updated the board on a \$12,000 grant which will pay for materials and a crew to install a 4 foot gravel path with wooden bump rails that will be installed in June. The installation will be behind the Hranek property.

There were two requests for reduction of trash bills. John Wetherby acquired a property that had a \$2,399.95 trash bill. The board reduced the amount to one third plus the current bill. No stickers are sent once a trash bill is delinquent, however the amount accumulates.

Tina and Jeff Lamos disputed a trash bill of close to \$16,000 arguing that at times they had empty apartments and, until five years ago, were unaware that they didn't have to pay trash for empty apartments. Hurtubise made a motion to accept one third of the total bill plus the current bills for all eleven properties. Paquette seconded and the motion was passed. The board agreed that this would be a one time reduction and if not paid will revert back to the original bill. The board will also discuss enacting a policy regarding these requests at the May 21 meeting.

Hurtubise reported that the Highway Department is doing a motor job on one of the trucks. They will start a four day work week this week, working 10 hour days.

Tillotson reported that the Water and Sewer Department is flagging curb stops to identify where they are located. This is the start of a process to study our water infrastructure.

Paquette reported that she found a shade for the Post Office window and needs to be able to charge it. She also got estimates from two local contractors to repair the bricks at the base of the town hall. She also did a walkthrough of the library and said the porch needs some work. She has received an estimate

to replace the furnace in the library There is also a cement issue at the back of the library. We will ask John Nutting to take a look at it. Work will begin this month to replace the roof on the Town Hall. Collins reported that she answered two dog complaints over the week end. An unregistered great Dane was loose and attacked chickens on Province St. Two dogs were abandoned in a trailer in East Richford for three days without food or water after owners vacated the premises. Collins, Deputy Renning and animal control officer Tracy Ovitt attended the scene.

The board approved a request by NOTCH to hold summer camp from July 2 through August 10.

Effective July 1 any water and sewer charges people want to dispute will now go to the Board of Abatement . The Legislature passed a law saying the Board of Abatement has jurisdiction over the bills.

Project Manager Carolyn Carlson sent notice that the East Richford Bridge will not close on May 14 as previously stated. Due to some unexpected issues the bridge closing will be delayed by at least one week.

Collins reported a leak at the playground building. Nick Deuso repaired four leaks and made it easier to drain the building next year.

Collins read a resignation from the board from Selectman Chris Martel. Collins stated that she checked with VLCT and according to law a temporary position does not have to be advertised. A notice of resignation must be posted within 10 days and an alternate may be chosen before the posting but not before the resignation. Sherry Paquette made a motion to enter executive session at 8:50 p.m. with a second by Norris Tillotson to discuss personnel and trash requests.

The board reconvened at 9:10. Paquette made the motion to nominate Arthur Pond to fill the temporary position of select board member until the general election in March. Wayne Hurtubise made the second. Motion passed. Pond will replace Martel for the remainder of a one year of a three term.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Collins, Chair

Attest: