

TOWN OF RICHMOND
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Office of Selectmen



August 3, 2015 Meeting

Selectmen present: Carol Jameson, Kathryn McWhirk and Christin Daugherty

Meeting opened at 5:30pm

Selectman McWhirk left the meeting at 5:55pm to attend the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update meeting. Returned at 7:50pm.

*****Administrators Report**

Wood updated the Board on:

Information on Quaker Cemetery. Jameson to follow up.

Receipt of accident report from Police Department, reference damage to library shed. Wood to forward the report to insurance representative.

Budget Workshop is scheduling attendees for 9/15/15.

Wood advised the Board that Kerry Boscarino has voiced interest in the Town/Vet's Hall cleaning. She would not be able to start until next week if approved. The Board would like to talk with a couple other prospects before making a decision.

*****Approve Manifest**

McWhirk moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to approve the accounts payable/payroll manifest dated Aug. 3, 2015 in the amount of \$5,682.75 for accounts payable/payroll.

*****Selectmen**

The Board reviewed activity (maintenance) on the fire pond located near the Vet's Hall with the Fire Chief. The Board requested prior notification when work on fire ponds is scheduled. The chief explained that the work is done by volunteers without using town funds so sometimes work is decided in a moment's notice when volunteers are available. They will give notice when possible.

Memo from Town Clerk reference Pole License #31-0957 – reviewed and approved.

Copy of Wetlands Permit Application 2015-01949 from Town Clerk – reviewed.

Letter to resident, reference zoning violation M414 L027, reviewed and signed.

Letter to resident, reference lack of building permit, reviewed and signed.

Notice to Former Owner Opportunity to Repurchase, reviewed and signed. These are for M408 L008 and M413 L008, 009, 010 and M414 L009.

Professional Services Agreement between the Town of Richmond and SWRPC for the CDBG Grant / feasibility study – signed by Jameson, witnessed by Wood.

McWhirk updated the Board on the Hazard Mitigation meeting she attended.

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The Board discussed capital improvement, specifically the painting of the Vet/Town Hall, upgrade of parking lots and town buildings landscaping.

Daugherty updated the Board on the progress of Fay Martin Road and the cost to date.

Daugherty updated the Board on his conversation with PSNH and the silt issue on Fish Hatchery Road. Daugherty also discussed his site visit to the Town beach and the addition of sand and proposed ditching.

Public Appointments

Andy Powers met with the Board, reference proposed sub-division of M408 L049 and “land swap” with M408 L047. Mattson stated that the swap was not discussed or presented to the Town when the vote took place to purchase M408 L049 and believes a decision at this point would be premature. Jameson explained the town has been “using” a portion of M408 L047 land to dump snow and such without knowledge of ownership of the property. Powers concern is that his property on Rte. 32 has been, and continues to be, treated as Town property and it is NOT. He would like the Town to consider “swapping” a portion of Town land on Bullock Road for Powers land on Rte. 32 which the Town has been acting like they own anyway and using for disposal of plowed snow. Powers and the Board discussed leaving a buffer and not timber a certain area of the newly acquired town land. Perry stated that the Town voted to purchase the property for a specific purpose and a specific amount of land. The Town did not vote or approve a land swap with an abutter. Daugherty asked if there was an agreement that would satisfy both the Town and Powers. Jameson stated that she understands Powers concerns, however she does not believe that decision to swap land should be made by the Board without input from the residents. Powers reiterated that his main concern is losing the buffer to Rte. 32. Jameson stated that if there was not significant revenue from logging that the buffer/tree area would be left intact.

Powers and the Selectmen discussed the work on the fire pond located near the Vet's Hall. Daugherty stated that the Board asked the fire chief for notice when maintenance would be taking place. Atkins had told the Board that prior notification is difficult because all labor is volunteered and the group sometimes is able to do work at a moment's notice. Atkins also stated that he contacted NH DES and maintenance on fire ponds does not require a permit. Powers asked that all work stop until he is told about what specifically is taking place. Powers also stated that he wants to know where the soil that has been added came from. He does not want any invasive material being brought onto his property. Daugherty stated he will speak with the Fire Chief and make arrangements for the 3 of them (Daugherty/Powers/Atkins) to meet.

Kim Mattson met with the Board, reference status of "little red house". Mattson also asked if Little Monadnock Trails has presented a schematic for the trail because she has walked the trail and it is not obvious. She would like to know because Municipal Building Committee is trying to plan the use of the Allen lot and creating a plan for such use. Daugherty stated that the ATV trail should not influence the MBC proposed plans and usage. MBC should present the plans as they want and the Town will make the trails go around the Town's use. Mattson wanted it to be clear she does not have an issue with the use of the trail; she just wants to know where it goes.

Sandy Perry met with the Board, reference the sub-division plan for M408 L049. The Board stated that the plan has not been submitted to them from Drew. Mattson said she has not scheduled Drew on the agenda for the Planning Board. Perry asked if the Board could give Drew a "push" so that the sale of the house can move forward.

Pam Goodell met with the Board, reference a discussion of the future plans for upgrade/maintenance of roads (CIP). Daugherty explained that Sandy Pond and Lang Road are on the schedule for work in 2015, Whipple Hill in 2016 and Fish Hatchery in 2017. Daugherty stated the biggest work is tree trimming, which has the biggest effect on road condition. The schedule is subject to change due to other road issues and money. Daugherty reviewed what the goals are for all roads scheduled. Goodell stated her main concern is the mud. Daugherty said that's why trimming is so important because trimming the trees back allows the sun to get through and dry up the mud.

Goodell also discussed the need for safety defectors near culverts. Goodell also voiced concern about a large drop off near 312 Lang Road on the left as you travel towards Rte. 32.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm