



Town of Richmond

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November 15, 2021 Meeting

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw and Andrew Wallace

Selectmen absent:

Public Present:

Non-Board member present: Susan Harrington

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated November 15, 2021 for week of November 5, 2021-November 11, 2021 in the amount of: \$ 14,942.14 for payroll/accounts payable. This amount also includes the monthly stipend payroll and accounts payable for the month of November.

Wallace moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve Building Permit for 95 Fay Martin Road, Map 412 Lot 020. Owner-St. Benedict Center.

Daniels moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved Building Permit for Map 405 Lot 086 Sub 001. Owner-Pratt. Per Zoning Compliant Officer, the owner must remove the shed before an Occpancy Permit will be issued.

Board signed three Request for Information letters to the current internet providers in Richmond on behalf of the Broadband Committee.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board approved Intent to Cut for Map 202 Lots 003,004,005,007,022,023,024 and Map 411 Lots 005, 006, 007. Owner is Camp Takodah/YMCA.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd; Board approved the Yield Tax for Map 407 Lot 095. Owner-Taylor.

Report received from Zoning Compliance Officer, Richard Drew, regarding Map 405 Lot 125 at 3 Mill Road. Report states as of visit on 11/05/21, ZCO noted the following:

1. Only 1 building that was in the Wetland Conservation District has been removed. There appears to be an addition to a woodshed that is in the Wetland Conservation District.
2. The slopes have not been stabilized on the lot to the east, Lot 124
3. The new garage appears to have space for storage or an office which was not on the building permit for the garage.

Also noted, 6" minus stone still has not been put in the ditch at the end of the culvert as requested by the Selectmen to be done by the Road Agent.

Letter from Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. with the preliminary 2021 assessment to sale ratio analysis. The preliminary analysis indicates a median assessment to sales ratio of 76 % and

a coefficient of dispersion of 19.1. Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board signed 2021 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate. Harrington will upload to the NHDRA portal.

Letter from the NH Department of Revenue Jamie Dow stating during the review of estimated reviews, Warrant Article 11 stated the \$290,276 raised and appropriated for the Highway, Streets and Sanitation was to be offset by the Highway Block Grant by \$55,750. The Highway Block grant totaled \$55,669, the DRA corrected by disallowing the \$81.00 revised amount. Dow also suggested that in the future the article be written not stating that it will be funded by a grant or to state the grant amount listed is anticipated.

Harrington had submitted a question to the New Hampshire Municipal Association Legal Inquiries regarding the fees charged to the Town by the Monadnock Humane Society for any stays turned in from Richmond. Per Natch Greyes, Esq. this is a subject that has come up before and there is no statute that states the Town is responsible for paying these fees. The animal owner should pay the fee.

Board discuss the tax rate for 2nd tax bill 2021 and 1st tax bill of 2022.

Appointments

Quantum Construction Consultants, James Bouchard and Ana Giraldi met with the Board and Road Agent, Buddy Blood to discuss the NHDOT has down posted the Tully Brook Bridge from 15 ton to 6 ton due to corrosion of a culvert at the water line. QCC and the Board discussed obtaining a bond or bonds, QCC will provide a list of contractors and will give the financials and wording for the warrant article for the 2022 Town Meeting. QCC will email Harrington a DOT contact tomorrow.

Cheshire County Administrator, Chris Coates and Stillman Rogers met with the Board and Fire Chief Ed Atkins, to discuss how the county has purchased Diluzio Ambulance and how that affects the town.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; the Board voted to enter into nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

Roll Call: Daniels (Y), Bersaw (Y), and Wallace (Y). Non-Public session was entered at 7:22 pm.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; the Board voted to reconvene Public session. Roll call: Daniels (Y), Bersaw (Y), Wallace (Y). Public session was reconvened at 7:42 pm.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; the Board voted to SEAL the minutes. Roll call: Daniels (Y), Bersaw (Y), Wallace(Y). Minutes have been sealed.

Kyle Curtis met with the Board to discuss property on Attleboro Mountain Road. Board discussed the classification for the road. Board suggested to contact Richard Drew. Harrington will research road.

CANCELLED

The Public Hearing on the Petitioned Road Layout scheduled for 11/17/21 has been CANCELLED.

***** FRIENDLY REMINDER *****

THE TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES OF NOVEMBER:

- **Wednesday, November 24, 2021 and Thursday, November 25, 2021** in observance of Thanksgiving.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrington