

TOWN OF RICHMOND
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Office of Selectmen



June 13, 2016 Meeting

Selectmen present: Christin Daugherty, Kathryn McWhirk and Carol Jameson

Meeting opened at 6:00pm

*****Administrators Report**

Matt Drew, ZCO indicated that he had been having internet/phone issues. He said outstanding building permit applications will be reviewed and ready for the Board by the next Selectmen's meeting.

Wood stated that all 2015 abatement applications have been reviewed by Avitar and the outstanding few are in tonight's folder for review. The Town received 7 applications; 4 were approved and 3 were denied. Wood reviewed overlay and approximate rebates with the Board.

*****Approve Manifest**

McWhirk moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to approve the manifest for week of June 7, 2016 – June 13, 2016 in the amount of: \$14,021.59 for accounts payable/payroll.

*****Selectmen**

Mail – opened and read.

Jameson moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to approve an abatement for M408 L049 – Town owned property.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to approve the 2015 abatement application for M407 L027 based on the recommendation of the Town's assessing company.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to approve the 2015 abatement application for M201 L036 based on the recommendation of the Town's assessing company.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to deny the 2015 abatement application for M407 L013 based on the recommendation of the Town's assessing company.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to deny the 2015 abatement application for M202 L027 and M202 L028 based on the recommendation of the Town's assessing company.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to deny the 2015 abatement application for M201 L067 based on the recommendation of the Town's assessing company.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to approve the 2015 abatement application for M202 L026 based on the recommendation of the Town's assessing company.

MS-535 reviewed and signed so that Wood may upload document to the DRA portal.

Jameson left the meeting at 7:46pm

McWhirk moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to approve the Yield Tax Levy for M409 L044.

McWhirk moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to approve the appointment of Andrew Powers to the Conservation Commission. Term to expire March 2019.

McWhirk moved; Daugherty 2nd; the Board voted to approve the appointment of Mallory Reece to the Agricultural Commission. Term to expire March 2018.

Daugherty moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to approve the June 9, 2016 meeting minutes.

Memo from the Town Clerk, reference expired appointments – reviewed.

Email from Bonnie McCarthy in reference to the condition of Bullock Road. In part McCarthy stated *“was amazed at how well it has been rehabilitated, or should I say resuscitated. Mark is a definite asset to Richmond. The excellent work that he and his crew did on Fay Martin Rd is another fine example of how fortunate Richmond is to have Mark as our talented, dedicated Road Agent”* – read.

Letter from Royalston Zoning Board member stating the letter sent to the Town as an abutter was sent in error – read

Letter from NH DES, reference M414 L029 – read.

Public Appointments

David Kent/Forester met with the Board, reference the proposed logging operation of the Allen Lot. Kent stated the driveway permit application has been submitted to the State. Expected values, subject to changing market values, have been calculated and were discussed. Kent has met with Jeff Taylor to be sure all are on the same page. 293,000 bf have been marked with relatively attractive volume per acre. Operation could result in approximately \$40,000.00 in revenue. Kent wouldn't expect more but it could be less. Contract with logger yet to be determined.

If logging operation is to take place in 2016 no additional costs are to be incurred to develop a ballfield and or park area. No pre-construction preparation should be made. Stumpage value does not include the cost of road development. If both “recreational areas” are cleared a road needs to be developed for skidder. Kent advised there are hidden costs and known costs. Kent tries to make all costs known. Kent stated that there is no inherent cost with the proposed recreational facility; Kent just needs to know what direction to proceed. Daugherty questioned the stumpage value if lower section of proposed recreational are were not cut. Kent stated he would have to recalculate but does not see a huge impact. Wood in that area is mostly pine.

Kent reviewed parameters of contract with the Board. Are only trying to attracted top notch operators. Payment schedule was reviewed. Completion date of the logging operation was proposed at March 2018.

Kent stated that the next step he sees is a formal proposal to be sent to perspective operators and have the Board review. Kent stated that a signed contract is months away. Need to get through the bid process first.

Kent needs the Board to confirm operation as proposed or change the proposed operation to not reflect proposed recreation space. Kent would like this information as soon as possible. Kent stated that he views the project for the recreational areas as “neutral” to the stumpage values.

Ed McCaul and Heather Canfield met with the Board, reference the newly erected Town Hall sign placed on her property. The Board reviewed the easement that the Town has on their property. McCaul stated that they were surprised to the erection of the sign but appreciated the advanced notice, as minimal as it was, that Bob Weekes gave. They understand that mistakes happen but would appreciate open communication in the future. They are also concerned with the sight line exiting the driveway now with the sign blocking view. They are requesting the sign be relocated to the other entrance of the Town hall. The Board exited the building to view the area being discussed. The Selectmen agreed to relocate the sign. The Heritage Commission will facilitate the relocation. McCaul/Canfield also stated the tax map for their property is incorrect. Wood advised that the tax maps are reference only and can forward any survey they have for the property to Avitar. In addition, they would like a copy of the deed for the Town Hall.

Marcus Beauregard met with the Board, reference his resignation from Parks & Recreation Commission, Health Officer, and vendor to the Parks & Recreation with mowing. Beauregard will continue on the ZBA. The Board of Selectmen regretfully accepted his resignation(s) and thanked him for his years of service to the Town. Beauregard briefly discussed some reasons behind his decision to resign.

Kim Mattson/Land Use Assistant met with the Board, reference a subdivision application submitted. The Planning Board has NOT accepted the application yet. K. Mattson believes the Planning Board should get legal advice on the application before any decisions are made. Mattson would like to do research before meeting with applicant so that if modifications to the application are necessary the applicant can be fully informed in one meeting.