

TOWN OF RICHMOND
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Office of Selectmen



DATE: March 24, 2014 Time: 8:35 PM

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Attending: Sandra Gillis, Carol Jameson and Kathy McWhirk

Appointments

Russell LaPlume, representing St. Benedict Center, met with the Board, regarding a drainage easement sought by the town as part of the court ordered upgrade of Fay Martin Road. Gillis and Drew reviewed the easement with Mr. LaPlume. He stated that he does not have any issue with the easement, adding that they would like the wood, if any were to be cut. The easement states that any wood cut on the easement property will remain on that property. Mr. LaPlume said no other "compensation" would be necessary, since St. Benedict Center is a partner in this road upgrade project.

The Board deliberated on the license application. Jameson stated that she would like to discuss more details regarding the conditions of approval before issuing the license. She believes it is appropriate to approve the license with conditions on aesthetics, although at this time it is difficult to impose a condition without a timeframe. She wants to insure any conditions are reasonable and specific. Gillis stated that if the Selectmen want to impose conditions, they can only be imposed as conditions of approval to issue the license, however, the conditions can be crafted to allow for a reasonable timeline for completion. Gillis proposed wording that would have conditions but without a specific time or date, referring to "substantial progress" or improvements, similar to conditions of approval for site plans or subdivisions.

Possible conditions include the requirements for issuing the license: effective date, length of license is one year and, (this license would be good until 7/1/2015, at which time it would need to be renewed by the applicant). A public hearing is not required for renewal. The license is personal to the applicant and cannot be assumed by a different person or entity. Copies of all official inspection reports issued by the state entity monitoring the must be sent to the Selectmen's office by the DES or the applicant. The Town Zoning Compliance Officer will conduct an annual inspection on behalf of the Town.

Gillis moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to approve the junkyard license for Richmond Auto Sales, located at 158 Whipple Hill Road. Gillis explained the Board will refine the language in the conditions of approval. A Notice of Decision will be issued, licensing the operation.

Wes Vaughan met with the Board, reference the condition of Whipple Hill Road this winter. He stated that a school bus has been stuck on the road four times this winter and the road was glare ice. Vaughan stated that the condition of the road is unacceptable, adding that too much salt and too little sand was used this winter. He said that in previous winters the road has been very well maintained, wondering what was different this year. The Selectmen will discuss this with the Road Agent.

Meeting:

Mail opened and reviewed.

McWhirk moved; Gillis 2nd; the Board voted to approve the accounts payable/payroll manifest (3/18-3/24/14) dated 3/24/14 in the amount of \$85,592.63. This includes the payment to Winchester for annual Solid Waste disposal in the amount of \$59, 298.81.

Gillis moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to approve and sign the Annual Concurrence for Emergency Operation Plan for the State of NH.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to appoint Jeff Taylor as an alternate member of the Richmond Agricultural Commission, term to expire April 2015.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to appoint Theresa Majoy as a member of the Richmond Agricultural Commission, term to expire April 2017.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to appoint Wesley Vaughan as a member of the Richmond Agricultural Commission, term to expire April 2017.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to appoint Claire Jahnke as a member of the Richmond Agricultural Commission, term to expire April 2017.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to approve Sandra Holbrook as an alternate member of the Richmond Agricultural Commission, term to expire April 2015.

Gillis moved; Jameson 2nd; the Board voted to approve the veteran's tax credit for M405 L083.

The Board reviewed pending projects for 2014 and discussed timeframe.

Gillis moved; Jameson 2nd; the Board voted to have McWhirk become the Town representative on the Waste Management Committee.

McWhirk moved; Gillis 2nd; the Board voted to have Jameson continue as Direct Assistance Coordinator.

Jameson moved; McWhirk 2nd; the Board voted to have Gillis continue as the Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board, alternating with Jameson.

The Board signed letters of appreciation. Wood to mail.

There being no further business the Board voted to adjourn 10:09pm.