

Minutes  
Town of Richford Special Board Meeting November 18, 2015

The Special Board Meeting relating to establishing a preliminary budget was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Supervisor Wilcox. Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Holcomb, Councilwoman Herrick, Supervisor Wilcox, Mike Hunt, Bill Stell and John Schwartz were present.

**Grant for Graded School:**

Councilman Miller inquired about the language used on pg 2. John indicated that the words "political support" was provided by Cornell in the explanation of the support needed for the grant. Councilman Miller suggests changing the wording to governmental. Also, Page 6 should state that the Comprehensive Plan is a Draft.

Councilwoman Holcomb was concerned about where the \$500 would come out of the budget if the town was selected.

Councilwoman Herrick asked John if there were other funding sources available to do the modifications that the Cornell students suggest. John indicated the Faulkner Truman Foundation and other potential money sources.

Councilman Miller inquired as to why the Town Hall was not selected. John's first thought was the Graded Schoolhouse so he wrote the proposal. A suggestion was made that next year we could look into this for other areas such fire station, town hall, or park.

Councilwoman Herrick asked John if we were selected what he sees as uses for the Graded School. John's ideas were a place to get online, and open for historical visits and research.

Councilwoman Holcomb, seconded by Councilman Miller, made the motion to approve the request for proposal to be submitted to Design Connect in regards to the Graded Schoolhouse with the word Draft added to the Comprehensive Plan and political support including governmental support in ().

Vote was 3 ayes, Councilman Miller abstained

On a side note the Richford Historical Society is supportive of the project.

**Topics discussed during this meeting:**

- Town Clerk, Velvet Lyke, will discuss with Bobby Keener when and how to turn in his timesheets in the future.
- Update Bulletin board with Fees for the building.

Councilwoman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Holcomb, made the motion that a deduction of 12% be taken from the Highway Superintendent salary to cover the costs for medical insurance for 2016. With 4 ayes the motion passed

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Herrick, made the motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent to rent a crusher for \$30,000. With 4 ayes the motion was passed.

**Preliminary Budget Review:**

The following modifications were made to the preliminary budget via Town Board discussion:

Reductions to Accounts:

DA5110.4	\$30,000
DA9060.8	\$ 7,345
DA9030.8	\$17,983
A9030.8	\$ 6,817
A9060.8	\$ 563

Increased to Accounts:

DA5112.2	\$30,000
DA3501	\$70,000
A2610	\$ 1,000
A2590	\$ 500
A5132.4	\$ 1,000
Highway Surplus	\$50,000
A7520.4	\$ 500
A1620.1	\$ 640
A7110.4	\$ 3,500
DA5130.2	\$25,000
A9950.9	\$69,642
General Surplus	\$20,000
A8989	\$ 354

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Herrick, made the motion to adopt the changes to the preliminary budget. 4 ayes, the motion was adopted. The budget was unanimously passed.

Please note: The increases in the budget were offset by additional expected revenues in 2016 and unexpended balances from 2015 so there is no increase to the tax levy from the town.

Resolution:

Councilwoman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Miller, stated Let it be Resolved that the Town of Richford 2016 Budget Be Adopted.

Councilwoman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Miller made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting was at 10:13 p.m.

Velvet Lyke  
Town Clerk

