

Minutes

Town of Richford Board Meeting April 11, 2017

The regular Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Supervisor Davis, Councilman Miller, Councilman Thayer, Councilman Herrick, Superintendent Hunt, Attorney Canizio and two townspeople were present. Councilman Holcomb was absent.

We began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance led by Councilman Miller.

Announcements and Proclamations:

John Schwarz made a statement about his health issue. He needed to be in the Emergency Room ASAP and he determined it would be best for him to drive himself because of the time it would take for the EMS to get to him.

The Tioga County Courier announced the three Eagle Scouts from the Troop in our area.

Public Comment:

Bill Ferris from Rockefeller Road was interested in starting a community cleanup. He is interested in the County Planning Board.

John Slaughter came to observe tonight.

Michelle Coish concerned about Aurora Street. Aurora Street has a road closed sign due to the high speed people are driving on the road as a short cut and the lack of patrols available to watch the street. Supervisor Davis indicated that the town is working on alternatives but NYS has to be involved. The two residents from Aurora Street have seen a drastic decline in cars and the children are safer.

Michelle Coish needs to speak with Frances Butler and she has not been responsive. Supervisor Davis will contact Assessor Butler and ask her to contact Mrs. Coish.

Laura Holt recommended that road closed sign be kept up until a permanent solution is determined. Supervisor Davis and Superintendent Holt will meet with NYS to determine alternatives.

REAP – Dick Harrington - gave us a rundown of things going on with REAP. Some grants were approved. John Scott and Dick Burhle were on the REAP board and they passed away. They are trying to rebuild the board. Community Facilities Committee (\$179,000 shared with another zone) and Rural Business Grants (\$561,000 shared with another zone) funds are available. Funds are available till August 2017.

The local Girl Scouts have done a video to receive a grant for a bike and walkway at the park. Please check out the website to get the link to vote.

Review of Minutes:

The minutes of the March 21, 2017 Town Board Meetings were presented.

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Herrick, made the motion to accept the March 21, 2017 Town Board Meetings minutes as amended. With 4 ayes, minutes are approved as amended.

Abstract of Vouchers:

Supervisor Davis showed the Board the proposed Excel Abstract that he and Town Clerk Velvet Lyke developed. He asked the Board to approve the new abstract format.

Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made the motion to accept the new abstract format. With 4 ayes the motion passed.

Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Miller, made a motion to pay the vouchers on Abstract #4. With 4 ayes, vouchers will be paid.

Supervisor Report:

Supervisor provided the Board with the 2017 Appropriations thus far.

Town Clerk Report:

Presented

Highway Superintendents Report:

- Blizzard Stella had made quite an impact on our area. We were not only busy trying to keep roads open, but trying to keep the snow from piling up around our area.
- We have just re-opened the Harrington Pit with MSHA
- We have filled out annual paperwork for Salt Brine and receiving salt for the road
- We have filed paperwork with FEMA to try and receive some of our money back from Blizzard
- Working on trucks, getting them ready for inspection

Justice Report:

- Check for \$1,255.00 was presented to the Board

Dog Control Report:

- Be out of town

Code Enforcement Report:

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	Current Month	Year to Date
Building Permits Issues	3	5
Building Permit Renewals		
Building Permit Renewals Notices		
Building Permit Inquiries	4	11
Closed out Permits		
Certificates of Occupancy Issued		
Certificates of Compliance Issued	2	2
Temporary C of O Issued	1	1
Violations/Complaints/Postings		6
Stop Work Orders Issued		1
Plan reviews	5	21
Total Permits, Notices, etc above	15	47
Fees Collected	\$ 375.00	\$ 800.00
Construction Cost	\$ 178,000.00	\$ 393,000.00

Inspections:		
Site visits/ inspection / soil	20	52
Foundations/Footers/Post Holes		1
Framing / Structural inspections	6	12
Plumbing inspection	4	4
Insulation inspection	3	4
Final, Pre-final Inspection	2	2
Chimney / solid fuel burning devices		
Swimming Pool inspections		
Fire and Safety inspections		1
ANNUAL INSPECTIONS		
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	35	76
Training Class Credits (CEU's)	4	4

Submitted by : Kevin McMahon

Town Planning Board report was presented:

To: Richford Town Board

From: Town of Richford Planning Board.

Date: April 11, 2017

At its April 5, 2017 meeting the Town of Richford Planning Board proposed the following request of the Richford Town Board.

The Town of Richford to establish a definitive official list of year round: town roads, seasonal town roads and abandoned roads (if any). The list needs sufficient detail to settle questions such as does a particular parcel of property have access to a town road and is that road year round use or seasonal. Also identify seasonal use roads where the cost to make them into year round use may make the upgrade economically unworkable.

John Schwartz

Chairman Town of Richford Planning Board

We held a lot of discussion about the request. Attorney Canizio will look into the laws regarding developing on a seasonal road.

Rawley Park:

Email from Joe Kral:

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, but I wish to notify the Board of an impending issue. I am requesting the Board discuss and plan for a means of budgeting to replace the metal roof at the park pavilion within the next couple years. The Friends of Rawley Park (FORP) has procured paint for both the steel roof and the remainder of the pavilion. The painting of the roof and any necessary patching this summer will only be a temporary fix. There are several locations where the metal has been punctured by kids throwing stones onto the roof.

This is not an immediate issue, but it would be in the Town's best interest to have a plan for funding the roof replacement.

Thank you.

Councilman Thayer inquired if it was the entire roof. Supervisor Davis will take a look at the roof.

Park Equipment Project: Bill Stell wants to look at the plans to see if he will lead the equipment project.

Old Business:

EMS:

Contact Maine and discuss response times and discuss a budget.

Last month we discussed an ambulance district but the law was discussing more of district within a town not with other towns.

The Certificate of Need has to be given to an ambulance service per Attorney Canizio.

Attorney Canizio suggested that we contact the Association of City and Towns to see if they could assist us with the EMS issue. Attorney Canizio will make the contacts and try to get someone to come to the next meeting.

County Planning Board Representative:

Mr. Bill Ferris will speak to Supervisor Davis about applying for the County Planning Board.

AUD:

Working on 2016

Subdivision Law:

Next joint meeting this passed month. The planning board is putting together a sample plan.

Labor Department:

Letter came in today and Superintendent will take care of the items.

Tire Day:

Tire Day is Wednesday May 17th from 3-8 and Saturday May 20th from 8am till 2pm. Spoke to Tioga County Recycling and Attorney Canizio took a look at the contract. Residents can bring tires with rims for no charge. Residents can bring up to 8 tires (up to 19") or 4 (over 19").

Additional tires are \$1 each (up to 8 additional tires) or \$2 each if over 19" (up to 4 additional tires). A dumpster for metal recycling will be available too for no charge. Proof of Town of Richford residency is required.

This is a program that ends this year.

Councilman Thayer, seconded by Councilman Herrick, made a motion to have tire day May 17th (3pm to 8pm) and Saturday May 20th (8am to 2pm). With 4 ayes the motion passed.

New Business:

NYS Retirement Fund:

We have to make a standardized work day for all elected and appointed employees. Each employee must track their time for three months to determine the standard hours.

Farmer's Market:

Doris Caskey has been putting together a business plan for a Farmers Market on Town Barn Road.

Clean-Up Day:

Councilman Herrick attempted to contact NYS but no one has returned her calls. Her review of the state website did not result in any assistance on this issue. Councilman Herrick will continue to look into this topic she will look into Caroline's process, cost from Taylor Garbage, and DEC.

Berkshire does not have a lot of cost from their clean-up day. Highway department picks up from elderly and disabled people. It lasts one week and all others will bring the items to the town barn. There costs are recouped with scrap metal etc.

Councilman Miller asked if Superintendent Hunt would contact Town of Caroline to see how they do there clean-up day.

The Town Board's thoughts are during a week the town employees would go pick up from elderly and disabled residents. All other residents would be able to drop off on a weekend. Dates and details will be announced after this is researched further.

Warehouse Committee Meeting:

Supervisor Davis spoke to the Engineer working with the Fire Department and he is willing to do the assessment. The Fire Department hired him and he was the lowest bid.

Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made the motion to ask George Haus to give us an estimate on the assessment of the Warehouse. With 4 ayes the motion passed.

Carol Mott and Bill Ferris volunteered to be the residents on the warehouse committee.

Aurora Street Road Closure:

Councilman Miller thanked all the residents that attended tonight's meeting to voice their concerns. Councilman Miller suggested caution signs, speed bumps or loops and cross walks at the end of the road for Aurora Street and Bowery Lane.

Councilman Thayer is in agreement with the speed bump idea on these two roads. Please note there are other roads that are used as a short cut with many kids living there also. This option will be looked into also.

Superintendent Hunt suggested connecting aurora and bowery as a loop so it would take away the short cut. This option is one that the Town Board agrees on. Supervisor Davis and Superintendent Hunt will talk to the State about this option.

Next month these options and the finding will be determined.

Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. With 4 ayes the motion passed.

Velvet Lyke
Town Clerk

Special Town Board Meeting
April 25, 2017

The special Town of Richford Board Meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Supervisor Davis. Supervisor Davis, Councilman Thayer, Superintendent Hunt, Councilman Herrick were present. Councilman Holcomb and Councilman Miller were absent.

This special board meeting was held to discuss the Town pick-up day as requested by Councilman Herrick.

Councilman Herrick contacted soil and water and Wietsman's however they only help with Tire Day.

Taylor Garbage estimate 3- 30 yard dumpsters which if filled would be about 8 tons per container. The estimated fee would be \$2,010 for all three if full.

Spring Clean Up Dates will be held May 31 (3 to 8) and June 3 (8-2).

Location: Richford Town Barn

Who: Opened for Only to Richford Residents

What will be accepted: Furniture, mattresses, rugs, appliances with doors removed, scrap metal

What will not be accepted: Household garbage, tires, construction waste, batteries, electronics, recyclables, glass, paint cans, hazardous waste, and brush.

Let It Be Resolved

That the Richford Spring Clean Up Day will be held Wednesday, May 31 (3pm – 8pm) and Saturday June 3 (8am-2pm) for only Richford Residents. The Town Board also authorizes overtime for one highway employee. This will be funded by the Garbage contractual account.

Councilman Herrick, seconded by Councilman Thayer, made the motion to pass the resolution.

Supervisor Davis	Voted: Aye
Councilman Herrick	Voted: Aye
Councilman Thayer	Voted: Aye

Councilman Thayer, seconded by Councilman Herrick, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. With 3 ayes the motion passed.

Velvet Lyke
Town Clerk