

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING
JUNE 24, 2020

Members Present: Alan Hanson-Chair, Neal Pilson, Roger Manzolini

Others Present: Danielle Fillio-Town Administrator, Bob Gniadek-Finance Committee Chair
Peter Miller

Alan Hanson opened the meeting at 6p.m. Roger Manzolini read the read the governor's Order for remotely held public meetings.

Al Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10 and June 12 Selectmen's meeting. It was seconded by Neal Pilson and passed unanimously.

Agreement between Town and Berkshire Public Health Alliance

Al Hanson asked Danielle Fillio for her opinion on the Public Health Alliance and the Richmond Board of Health agreement. She felt it was good and that the contract amount was budgeted for. Neal Pilson made a motion to accept the agreement, Al Hanson seconded it and it passed unanimously. Roger Manzolini then made a motion authorizing Danielle Fillio to sign the agreement, it was seconded by Neal Pilson and passed unanimously.

Agreement between Town of Richmond and Community Health Association of Richmond and West Stockbridge.

This is the town's agreement with Emilee Jarrett. Neal Pilson asked how this contract price was calculated, Danielle answered that she didn't know how it was calculated, but that it is budgeted for. Neal Pilson then asked if the Board of Health supports this and Danielle Fillio stated the Board did support the Agreement. Neal Pilson made a motion to accept the agreement of July2020, Al Hanson seconded and it passed unanimously. Roger Manzolini stated that Danielle Fillio put the selectmen's initials next to their names and then sign the contract. Neal Pilson made the motion for authorizing Danielle Fillio to sign the contract, it was seconded by Al Hanson and passed unanimously.

Agreement between Town of Richmond and Unibank Fiscal Advisors Danielle Fillio stated that she had no chance to discuss the issue with Paul Lisi. She stated that the fees being charged by the bank are standard fee rates. Neal Pilson asked her if our compensation payable to the bank is equivalent to what other towns are paying and she answered that they were. Neal Pilson made the motion to approve the agreement, it was seconded by Roger Manzolini and passed unanimously.

Issue that has come up since the agenda was created.

Shared Economic Development Planning Agreement with BRBC and Richmond

This is the agreement with which Laura Brennan works with the town. Danielle Fillio explained that Laura works approximately 2.5 hours a week performing tasks for the town centering on our website and promoting the town. Neal Pilson asked Danielle Fillio if Laura Brennan gives the town the agreed to level of service, she answered that the town does receive the amount of time contracted for. Neal Pilson asked Danielle Fillio if the contract would cover a discussion with the town concerning the possible merger of RCS at the High School level with Berkshire Hill Regional School District. She stated that the contract would not cover that, if the selectmen would like they could bring it up at another time with BRBC but not under the contract as written. Neal Pilson made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize Danielle Fillio to sign, it was seconded by Al Hanson and passed unanimously. Roger Manzolini asked what the cost was and Danielle Fillio said it was \$11,875 and was budgeted for.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING
JUNE 24, 2020

Update on Treasurer-Collector Position

Danielle Fillio explained to the selectmen that Paul Lisi has been working 9 hours a week from home. We still need to keep the temporary treasurer-collector and the intern since Paul Lisi has not yet been cleared for office work. Roger Manzolini asked if the budget was enough and she stated the Town was making it work. Mr. Manzolini asked if that issue needed to be discussed and Ms. Fillio stated it could be but not at this meeting. Mr. Bob Gneidak requested that the finance committee receive monthly reports from the town about the town finances. He said they were wondering about the expenditures and receipts that the town has on a monthly basis. Ms. Fillio stated that Richmond has an approximately 95% tax collection rate. That the town accountant and treasurer-collector would try to work on combined report but that at this time it is a bit difficult with our treasurer-collector out. Ms. Fillio stated that she can give the Finance Committee print-out reports that the accountant creates that can tell the committee what has been billed to date and what has been collected and an expenditure report which would tell what has been spent to date compared to what has been budgeted. Mr. Manzolini suggested that this discussion be continued at another meeting.

Discussion of constables

Mr. Hanson asked what the issue was, that needs to be discussed, he thought that the problems had been solved at a previous meeting. Ms. Fillio stated that there still was an issue of them reporting when they were not requested to, that they are only supposed to respond if they get a call from Chief Bullett. She stated that we need more constables because they are required for election monitoring and the town clerk was unable to get any of the constables, we now have to work the elections so the town had to hire police from West Stockbridge at a much higher pay rate. Mr. Hanson asked why they didn't want to work and Ms. Fillio stated she did not know. Mr. Pilson asked if there is any specific training or requirements needed to be a constable, he was told there wasn't just a Corry background check is required. It was stated that all police officers can be constables but constables are not police officers. Police and Fire insurance (111F insurance) doesn't cover constables. There is an age limit of 70 years for traffic control by a constable. Mr. Pilson stated that he would like to continue this discussion at another meeting with Chief Bullett, legal counsel and insurance information. It was noted that for an election monitor the constable is required to wear a uniform.

Discussion of Beach and Boat Launch

Mr. Hanson stated that he had met with a Federal Police person about the fact that someone had put down tire puncturing devices on the federally owned road that is used for maintenance of the railway. While they were inspecting the road and tracks people walked across the tracks carrying kayaks that they put into the Pond. There was discussion among the members about how to better have surveillance cameras and who to call if there are any issues since Richmond does not have a police force. It was suggested that maybe the State police has a surveillance system Richmond can tie into. It was decided that the State Police and a surveillance system is probably the best way to solve these issues. It was noted by Peter Miller that there are a lot of people that hang out at the beach and boat ramp at night, he is a resident who lives at the lake. The boat launch area is state property and the Mass. Fish & Wildlife are responsible for it. It was decided that this issue needs to be brought up at another meeting.

Richmond Pond Associations request regarding the airport.

The issue is jets taking off from Pittsfield airport and disturbing the residents of the Pond. There has been communication between the new airport manager and Ken Kelly (Richmond Pond Association) about this issue. Neal Pilson said he would call Ken Kelly and try to find out exactly what he is requesting of the Selectboard.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
ZOOM MEETING
JUNE 24, 2020

Discussion on Town Website being legal posting location.

Ms. Fillio stated that the town already posts in 2 places at Town Hall which is what is required by the state. That agendas are posted on the website but that there are issues with it being down and not always available for posting so that it would not be a good idea to make it the legal spot due to the technical issues we often have with it. The Select Board agreed and decided not to add the town website as a legal post location.

Selectmen's Matters.

Neal Pilson

- 1 He was inquiring about cars parking at the beach.
2. Construction on View Drive, has this issue of debris been resolved. Danielle Fillio said that most of the debris that were in the photos they saw has been cleared away but that the road has been made wider for easier access to the tower. Mr. Pilson said he would like a final inspection of View Drive and Osceola to make sure it has been cleaned up.

Roger Manzolini

1. Grant operations Compliance, has the lawyer read it yet, Danielle Fillio said she would call and find out.
2. It is in the bylaws that every 5 years the selectmen walk the boundary of the town and they did some of it a couple of years ago but that they need to finish the project.

Alan Hanson

1. Grant for Hazard Mitigation needs to be looked at before it is too late. That the town should reach out to West Stockbridge and maybe we can work together. Danielle Fillio stated she would call Marie Ryan at West Stockbridge.

Warrants

A motion was made by Roger Manzolini to have the warrants from June 12 & 19 approved and for Danielle Fillio to sign. It was seconded by Al Hanson and passed unanimously

Al Hanson wanted to know when the meetings could return to town hall, it was decided that they would remain remotely done thru July. The date for the next meeting will be Thursday July 9th and then Wednesday July 22

Adjournment.

Neal Pilson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Roger Manzolini and passed unanimously at 7:40 PM



Alan Hanson Chair

Sept 3 2020
Date