

1 **Town of Richmond**  
2 **Selectboard Meeting**  
3 **Minutes of May 6, 2024**  
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5 **Members Present:** Adam Wood, Bard Hill, David Sander, Jay Furr, Lisa Miller  
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7 **Absent:** None  
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9 **Staff Present:** Josh Arneson, Town Manager, Duncan Wardwell, Assistant to the Town Manager,  
10 Connie Bona, Finance Director, Keith Osborne, Town Planner, Jim Feinson, Town Treasurer  
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12 **Others Present:** Meeting was recorded by MMCTV, 13472390577, Amy Gifford, Andrew Bessette,  
13 Ashley Farr, Bailee M, Ben Feinson, Bill Donovan, Bradley Holt, Caitlin Littfield, Cara LaBounty,  
14 Charles Fisher, Chris Cole, Connie van Eeghen, Dave Thomas, Elysse, Erin Farr , Erin & Farr, Erin Wagg,  
15 Fisher Family, Hillary Holmes, Ian Stokes, Jack Linn, Jason Pelletier, Jean Haskin, Jeanne, John Linn, Jon  
16 Kart, Linda Donovan, Lisa Kory, Maria Brown, Nicholas, Nick Neverisky, Ryan Home, Sharon Hallmman,  
17 Susan Wells, Virginia Clarke  
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19 **MMCTV Video:** [https://youtu.be/cA4aEnJDwSI?si=WOey\\_okNBTKHipNT](https://youtu.be/cA4aEnJDwSI?si=WOey_okNBTKHipNT)  
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21 **Call to Order:** 7:04 pm  
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23 **Welcome by:** Sander  
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25 **Public Comment:**  
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27 LinnJa summarized that he appreciates the in-person Open Meeting as he cannot attend  
28 Zoom meetings.  
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30 Gifford stated concerns about the sidewalk proposal as the design removes four parking  
31 spaces and it will negatively impact their Richmond Community Kitchen business. Hill  
32 suggested putting it forward as a future agenda item and there are competing goods about  
33 what's good for business versus the traffic obligations.  
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35 **Additions or Deletions to Agenda:**  
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37 Miller suggested moving Item 3u) Review of letter of support from the Selectboard Chair  
38 for a Buttermilk LLC application to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency to earlier in  
39 the agenda. Sander confirmed that it will be after 3a) & 3b).  
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41 Haskins suggested also moving up in the discussion Item 3m) Discussion of process to  
42 move budget vote to Australian ballot. Sander confirmed it will come after 3a) & 3b) &  
43 3u).  
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45 **Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present**  
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47 **Reminder of Volunteers Green Summit meeting on May 13, 2024, 6 – 9pm**  
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48 Timestamp: 0:07  
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50 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson  
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51 Arneson stated that the meeting will be held in this room and via Zoom and that the

52 primary topic of discussion will be the future of Volunteers Green specific to the  
53 floodplain regulations.

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55 **Recognition of Richmond Tree Warden Caitlin Littlefield receiving a Vermont Tree**  
56 **Steward Award**

57 Timestamp: 0:08

58 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3b\\_Vermont](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3b_Vermont)  
59 [Tree Steward Award.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3b_Vermont)

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61 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Littlefield

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63 Arneson stated that each year the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program and  
64 Council sponsors the Vermont Tree Steward Awards to recognize our State's urban and  
65 community forestry champions. Arneson congratulated Richmond's Tree Warden,  
66 Caitlin Littlefield, for receiving the Leader Award.

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68 **Review of letter of support from the Selectboard Chair for a Buttermilk LLC**  
69 **application to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency**

70 Timestamp: 0:10

71 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3u\\_To the](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3u_To_the)  
72 [Vermont Housing Finance Agency.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3u_To_the)

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74 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Miller, Hill, Wood, Furr, LaBounty

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76 Miller stated that this is probably the most egregious example of ex parte communication  
77 and doesn't see how this could be justified. Sander reviewed that when it came to their  
78 attention, they didn't have time to discuss it before the deadline. Sander summarized that  
79 the intent of this letter was to get in the deadline saying that they will talk about it. Miller  
80 summarized that nobody tried to contact her or ask for a deadline extension and there are  
81 some pissed-off people in this community. Hill stated that the letter also refers to boards  
82 and commissions with authority that will be engaged in those conversations. Furr  
83 wondered if there was any thought of scheduling a Special Selectboard meeting.

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85 Hill stated that the Selectboard and Town has gone on record as being in support of  
86 redevelopment of the Buttermilk property, as there was a conduit for grant funds for  
87 brownfield and cleanup as it was a hazard to public health. Hill stated that the attempt  
88 was to write a letter that promised nothing but to put a stake in the ground that allowed  
89 the grant process to remain alive. LaBounty stated that this wouldn't have occurred if the  
90 Chair and Vice-Chair were communicating.

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92 **Discussion of process to move budget vote to Australian ballot**

93 Timestamp: 0:14

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95 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Furr, LaBounty, Wood

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97 Arneson reviewed there could be a petition or the Selectboard could call a Special  
98 Meeting to move budget vote to Australian ballot:

99 1. Vote from the floor at a Special Town Meeting or Annual Town Meeting to move the  
100 annual budget vote to Australian ballot.

101 2. Vote from the floor at a Special Town Meeting or Annual Town Meeting to hold a  
102 subsequent Australian ballot vote on the question of moving the annual budget vote to  
103 Australia ballot.

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105 Arneson confirmed with VLCT that the first option is the more conservative option but  
106 can follow up on the second option if the Selectboard is interested. Furr stated that he  
107 prefers to call an official meeting at a time that people don't have an issue with.

108 LaBounty recommend doing it on a Saturday prior to school letting out and people going  
109 on vacation. Arneson stated that school gets out around the end of June so they wouldn't  
110 make it so they could check in with the Town Clerk's to see what she might recommend.

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### 112 **Follow up on attendance at Open Meeting Law Training held by VLCT**

113 Timestamp: 0:32

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115 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Furr

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117 Arneson stated that 14 committee members and staff members attended the VLCT  
118 training on April 17.

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### 120 **Update on traffic signal at the intersection of Rt. 2 and Bridge St.**

121 Timestamp: 0:33

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123 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Hill

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125 Sander reviewed that this intersection is controlled by the State so they have no authority  
126 over it but can be a conduit to channel information. Arneson reviewed some of the issues  
127 that were dealt with after it was installed on Friday, April 26. Arneson confirmed the  
128 concerns about the volume of the traffic signal and the timing of the left-hand green turn  
129 arrow and the right-hand do not turn on red arrow.

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### 131 **Consideration of making an appointment to the Town Center and Library Buildings 132 Committee**

133 Timestamp: 0:38

134 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3e\\_Town\\_Ce  
135 nter\\_Committee\\_-\\_Matt\\_Cherouny.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3e_Town_Ce<br/>135 nter_Committee_-_Matt_Cherouny.pdf)

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137 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Wood, Furr, Miller

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139 Arneson reviewed that another applicant wished to be appointed to the Committee if the  
140 Selectboard wished to expand the Committee to 6 members.

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142 *Furr moved to expand the number of members on the Town Center and Library Buildings  
143 Committee to six and to appoint Matt Cherouny to the Committee. Miller seconded.*

144 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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### 146 **Consideration of approving a change to the Andrews Community Forest Committee 147 Bylaws**

148 Timestamp: 0:40

149 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3f1\\_proposed  
150 \\_ACFC\\_bylaw\\_change.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3f1_proposed<br/>150 _ACFC_bylaw_change.pdf)

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People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Stokes, Wood, Hill, Furr

Stokes summarized the burden it puts on the representatives from the Conservation Commission and Trails Committee to provide a quorum. Wood stated that this wouldn't eliminate the requirement that those members were on the committee but eliminate the requirement that there could be a quorum without specific members. Arneson stated that if the board approves this tonight, it still needs to go to the Vermont Land Trust for approval.

*Furr moved to change the Andrews Community Forest Committee bylaws by removing the requirement that at least one member from the Richmond Conservation Commission or the Richmond Trails Committee be present at each Andrews Community Forest Committee meeting. Wood seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

### **Consideration of approval of RUTFest trail running event**

Timestamp: 0:44

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[https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3g2\\_ALFC\\_2024\\_Participant\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3g2_ALFC_2024_Participant_Guide.pdf)

People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, FeinsonB, Furr, Miller

Feinson stated that the RUTFest is the fall race but this one is called The Aliza Lapierre Fan Club 25-50K and he wanted to notify everybody of the intended race course. Feinson summarized that this event has been run very successfully for the last two years and they have volunteers who helped to manage traffic with aid station and signs. Feinson confirmed that runners fun single file.

*Furr moved to approve The Aliza Lapierre Fan Club 25-50K trail running event as presented to be held on July 6, 2024 with a rain date of July 13, 2024. Wood seconded.  
Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

### **Consideration of approving the Round Church Women's Run and associated road closures for the event on Saturday, July 20, 2024**

Timestamp: 0:49

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People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Holmes, Miller, Hill, Wood, Miller, Haskins

Holmes confirmed that this is the same race that they've run in their 45th year. Holmes summarized the brief road closures at Farr and Thompson Rds at the beginning of the

201 race while there's a huge pack of runners. Holmes estimated that they are hoping to have  
202 over 100 runners this year. Holmes confirmed requesting an officer right by the Round  
203 Church at the end of Cochran Rd and volunteers directing folks to be careful as only one  
204 lane of traffic is open during the race. Hill suggested contacting Mann and Machine  
205 about the issue of parking.

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207 *Wood moved to approve the Round Church Women's Run to be held on Saturday, July*  
208 *20, 2024 and authorize the closure of Farr Rd, Thompson Rd. and the eastbound lane of*  
209 *Cochran Rd. from 7:25am to 9:15am on the date of the event. Miller seconded.*

210 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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212 **Consideration of approval of a coin drop for the July 4 committee to be held on**  
213 **Saturday, May 25, 2024**

214 Timestamp: 0:53

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216 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Furr, Bona

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218 Sander reviewed the Parade and Fireworks Committee's request to hold a coin drop at the  
219 intersection of Rt 2 and Bridge St on Saturday, May 25 from 8 AM to 3 PM. Furr  
220 confirmed that they will wear proper safety vests, stay far enough back from the  
221 intersection, at least 100 yards, and large sandwich board signs. Bona stated that they  
222 need to nail down the logistics of this and have not agreed to Venmo or GoFundMe as the  
223 auditors forgave the total financial mess last year.

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225 *Wood moved to approve the Parade and Fireworks Committee to hold a coin drop at the*  
226 *intersection of Rt. 2 and Bridge St. on Saturday, May 25, 2024 8am to 3pm. Hill*  
227 *seconded.*

228 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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230 **Consideration of reducing the Richmond Transportation Committee from 7 to 5**  
231 **members**

232 Timestamp: 0:58

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234 [ation Committee Minutes on reducing committee size.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3j_Transportation_Committee_Minutes_on_reducing_committee_size.pdf)

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236 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Miller, Furr, Cole, Hill

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238 Arneson reviewed the membership of the Transportation Committee and the concerns  
239 about meeting quorums for the Open Meeting Law.

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241 *Miller moved to reduce the size of the Richmond Transportation Committee from seven*  
242 *members to five members. Furr seconded.*

243 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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245 Sander confirmed that there is an opportunity to serve on the Transportation Committee.  
246 Hill reviewed that the Transportation Committee has been instrumental in moving  
247 projects forward, from scoping to planning to contracting to completion.

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249 **Consideration of recommending to the Town Treasurer the purchase of a 6 month**  
250 **\$500,000 Certificate of Deposit**

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255 People who participated in discussion: Sander, FeinsonJ, Miller, Hill, Bona, LinnJa  
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257 Sander reviewed that this has changed to a recommendation of \$750,000. Feinson  
258 reviewed the current \$2 million invested in CDs and every three months a CD matures.  
259 Feinson stated that they are increasing the amount to invest \$750,000 with a new local  
260 bank, Northfield Savings. Bona stated that a lot of this money is resulting from the  
261 unspent ARPA money, FEMA revenue coming in years after we had spent it, and lower  
262 expenditures due to vacancies in the Police Department. Bona stated that they put  
263 \$500,000 of Unassigned funds towards the Highway budget, which were not taxes raised  
264 for expenditures.  
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266 *Miller moved to recommend to the Treasurer the purchase of a 6-month Certificate of*  
267 *Deposit from Northfield Savings Bank in the amount of \$750,000. Wood seconded.*  
268 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
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270 *Hill moved to approve the warrant for a check for \$750,000 to Northfield Savings Bank*  
271 *for the purchase of a 6-month certificate of deposit. Miller seconded.*  
272 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
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274 **Review of Third Quarter FY24 financials**  
275 Timestamp: 1:08  
276 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3101\\_FY24](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3101_FY24)  
277 [QTR 3 Budget Status General.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3101_FY24)  
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280 [QTR 3 Budget Status Highway.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3101_FY24)  
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283 [QTR 3 General Fund Financials 03-31-24.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3102_FY24)  
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286 [QTR 3 General Fund Debt Schedule.xlsx](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3103_FY24)  
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289 [QTR 3 Backup 1 Delinquent Tax Report.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3104_FY24)  
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292 [QTR 3 Backup 2 General Ledger School Tax Payable Report.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3105_FY24)  
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295 [QTR 3 Backup 3 General Ledger Tax Report.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3106_FY24)  
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298 [QTR 3 Backup 4 Cash Receipts Report.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3107_FY24)  
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300 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3108\\_FY24\\_QTR 3 Backup 5 Tax Status Report.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3108_FY24_QTR_3_Backup_5_Tax_Status_Report.pdf)

303 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3109\\_FY24\\_QTR 3 Backup 6 Tax Status Current Year.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3109_FY24_QTR_3_Backup_6_Tax_Status_Current_Year.pdf)

306 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3110\\_FY24\\_QTR 3 Trial Balance funds 10-15.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3110_FY24_QTR_3_Trial_Balance_funds_10-15.pdf)

309 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3111\\_FY24\\_QTR 3 Trial Balance funds 25-73.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3111_FY24_QTR_3_Trial_Balance_funds_25-73.pdf)

312 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Bona

314 Arneson reviewed the financial documents included in the packet including higher interest rate returns than budgeted, vacancy savings from Police Department, and lower expenditures for salt and sand this winter.

318 **Public Feedback meeting on the preferred design for the Thompson Rd., Huntington Rd., Bridge St., and Cochran Rd. intersection and consideration of approval of a preferred design**

321 Timestamp: 1:10

322 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3n1\\_RTC T HBC Intersection Alternatives Presentation 4-2024.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3n1_RTC_T_HBC_Intersection_Alternatives_Presentation_4-2024.pdf)

325 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3n2\\_THBC Intersection Pros Cons Revised 3-26-2024.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3n2_THBC_Intersection_Proc_Cons_Revised_3-26-2024.pdf)

328 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3n3\\_email feedback on intersection.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3n3_email_feedback_on_intersection.pdf)

331 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Cole, LinnJa, Bessette, Stokes, FarrE, Cole, LaBounty, Haskins, Wells, LinnJo, Wagg, Kory, Kart, Brown, Miller, Furr, Wood, Hill, FarrA, Home, Osborne

335 Cole summarized that they have looked at this intersection for about 18 months to 2 years and the Transportation Committee was really split with a variety of opinions. LinnJa stated that they do not need to spend much money but should provide some good signs warning people to be alert. Bessette agreed that they need to put up more signs. Stokes suggested better markings on the road striping to make it clearer to road users who have the priority right of way.

342 FarrE expressed concerns about the morning traffic getting significantly backed up from all the businesses and the Bridge St light. FarrE agreed that better markings would make a lot of sense. FarrE wondered about the angle measurements in the road with the four-way stop option. FarrE expressed concerns about the island option because of the turn for large vehicles like school buses to farm equipment. Cole confirmed that the traffic engineers and consultants designed the island for the paths of 18-wheelers with 53-foot trailers on them without mounting the curb or hitting the island. Cole stated that the island is intended to be mountable by a vehicle that's too large to get through that

350 intersection along with a bump-out on the Round Church Green.

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352 LaBounty stated that she does not support the four-way stop because it is not  
353 environmentally friendly, and it causes more congestion and issues. LaBounty supported  
354 more signage for making that corner especially for the Cochran Rd stop. Haskins stated  
355 that improving the markings on the road, new signs, and flashing lights are ways to start  
356 out small to see if that resolves the issue before a total redo of that intersection. Cole  
357 confirmed that the intersection is a VTrans high-crash location. Wells stated that as a  
358 neighbor to that intersection, they hear screeching tires and observe many people who  
359 turn around in their driveway because they've gone the wrong way. Wells confirmed that  
360 the mountable island serves as a traffic calming measure.

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362 LinnJo stated that every school bus is going over that mountable island and that is  
363 unfortunate for kids. LinnJo stated that a stop sign would prevent vehicles on Huntington  
364 Rd from going fast down Cochran Rd. LinnJo suggested trying the less expensive first to  
365 see if it does backup traffic.

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367 Wagg observed that the sidewalks and walkways need to be painted a couple of times a  
368 year because they just wear out.

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370 Kory stated that the traffic engineers established that it's a dangerous intersection and  
371 something more signage might help to some degree. Kory stated that she liked the four-  
372 way stop because it is confusing. Kory summarized that a four-way stop is very clear to  
373 everyone. Kory stated that it'd be nice to have actual four crosswalks with stop signs.

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375 LaBounty asked if the inlet and outlet to Thompson Rd could be routed on Farr Rd.  
376 Sander stated that he didn't know but that it is a blind intersection. Kart stated that the  
377 Thompson Rd option did not fare well during the public meetings with the Transportation  
378 Committee. Kart stated that the engineers would not put their names on the report if they  
379 went with a no change alternative. LaBounty stated that the lack of sidewalks all around  
380 this intersection must be a pedestrian traffic issue which interferes with the flow of  
381 traffic. Kart confirmed that both the proposals include a new sidewalk on the south side  
382 of Huntington Rd between the Stone Corral parking area and the intersection, and each  
383 corner would get a paved sidewalk with ADA ramp down to create safe spaces for  
384 pedestrians to use. FarrE stated that their farm equipment is 17-20 feet long and 15 feet  
385 is written somewhere with the raised bump.

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387 Brown stated that the immediate need is to make sure that as cars are coming up Bridge  
388 St and making a left onto Cochran Rd that it does not cause a lot of confusion. Brown  
389 summarized the major intersections at a four-way stop in Williston and the intersection  
390 on Hinesburg Rd by CVU.

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392 Furr stated that signage only works up to a point, that's why they're having to put speed  
393 bumps in Cochran Rd. Furr stated that mobility impaired people are not able to jump out  
394 of the way of a car and he wants the safest alternative and that is the four-way stop.

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396 Wood stated that a bunch of friends walk the kids from Town to this intersection and  
397 everyone said it's scary to walk across with close encounters. Wood confirmed his  
398 experience from the Fire Department is that there might be accidents, but they're not  
399 accidents that require even any cleanup or anything but a person getting hit at 20 mph is



400 catastrophic and potentially fatal.

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402 FarrA stated that the greater majority of the traffic runs through Huntington Rd with all  
403 vehicles getting bigger while making roads narrower so there's no common sense. FarrA  
404 stated that if they are concerned about safety then enforcing the existing laws is a great  
405 place to start. FarrA asked if they are creating a four-way intersection to inconvenience  
406 1000s of cars a day to appease 20 people a day they use that crosswalk.

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408 Hill summarized that they inherited an intersection designed for horses that now are used  
409 by vehicles and people and bicycles. Cole confirmed the perpendicular crosswalks and  
410 the principle behind the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices is that you can go  
411 from State to State, and it looks pretty much the same. Arneson confirmed that every  
412 spring, the village gets repainted for crosswalk and parking spots.

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414 *Furr moved to approve design alternative One, a four-way stop, for the Thompson Rd.,*  
415 *Huntington Rd., Bridge St., and Cochran Rd. intersection. Miller seconded.*

416 *Roll Call Vote follows discussions.*

417

418 Hill proposed one possible amendment to revisit the issue in 3-6 months. Wood stated  
419 that it is tough to spend \$130,000 - \$140,000 and then revisit it in 6 months. Osborne  
420 stated that the Planning and Zoning scoping set provides a green light to pursue funding.  
421 Cole confirmed that the next step is to get a grant to fund 80% of this design. Cole stated  
422 that stop signs have nice reflective paint and he doesn't think adding lights is going to get  
423 the people to stop who wouldn't stop otherwise. Cole stated that he would check in with  
424 the engineering company that did this scoping report as it is hard to put in pedestrian  
425 crosswalks when you don't have pedestrian infrastructure. Haskins stated that people are  
426 used to that intersection and will run through the stop sign without lights.

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428 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

429

430 **Public hearing on proposed zoning amendments to Section 3.7, Industrial**  
431 **Commercial District, and Section 5.12, Planned Unit Development (PUD) and**  
432 **Residential PUD, of the Town of Richmond Zoning Regulations**

433 Timestamp: 2:12

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435 [Bylaw Amendment Report Residential Uses in the IC District and PUD revisions](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3o1-Bylaw_Amendment_Report_Residential_Uses_in_the_IC_District_and_PUD_revisions_2.1.2024.pdf)  
436 [2.1.2024.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3o1-Bylaw_Amendment_Report_Residential_Uses_in_the_IC_District_and_PUD_revisions_2.1.2024.pdf)

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439 [\\_Richmond-Zoning-Regulations -- approved by SB 6.5.23 effective 6.26.23 --](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3o2_-_Richmond-Zoning-Regulations_--_approved_by_SB_6.5.23_effective_6.26.23_--_.pdf)  
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443 [\\_Redline Richmond Zoning Regulations.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3o3_-_Redline_Richmond_Zoning_Regulations.pdf)

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446 [\\_Clean Revisions to Residential uses in the Industrial Commercial District PUD](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3o4_-_Clean_Revisions_to_Residential_uses_in_the_Industrial_Commercial_District_PUD_Revisions_and_Definitions_CLEAN_2.1.24.pdf)  
447 [Revisions and Definitions CLEAN 2.1.24.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3o4_-_Clean_Revisions_to_Residential_uses_in_the_Industrial_Commercial_District_PUD_Revisions_and_Definitions_CLEAN_2.1.24.pdf)

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452 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Miller, Furr, Clarke, Hill, Sander,  
453 Osborne, DonovanL, Holt, Wood, Miller, Home, LaBounty

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455 *Miller moved to open the public hearing for the consideration to amend Richmond*  
456 *Zoning Regulations Sections Section 3.7, Industrial Commercial District, and Section*  
457 *5.12, Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Residential PUD, and Section 7,*  
458 *Definitions. Furr seconded.*

459 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

460

461 Clarke reviewed that the amendments are designed to enable some additional residential  
462 uses in the Industrial Commercial District, through the Planned Unit Development  
463 process. Clarke summarized the Industrial Commercial District locations and map, with  
464 half of that district already Residential and one of the residents wanted to subdivide and  
465 given the housing crisis thought this was a good idea.

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467 Clarke stated that they can put residences on lots that are already residential through the  
468 PUD Section in all sorts of ways to make appropriate use of the land. Clarke confirmed  
469 that the process is reviewed by the DRB to decide if it is Conditional Use.

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471 DonovanL summarized some of the issues associated with the current districts and land  
472 features. Clarke reviewed that they felt okay about some residences in an Industrial  
473 Commercial area as it is entirely unsuitable for any kind of industrial use.

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475 Clarke reviewed that back in February, they made some amendments to Section 5.12 for  
476 PUD which included that for all subdivisions it is required to make a Master  
477 Development Plan. Clarke summarized the concern of the Town attorney that the  
478 developer develops vested rights with an approved Master Development Plan that can be  
479 amended going back to the DRB. Clarke stated that they took out the Master  
480 Development Plan language and replaced it with something recommended by the Town  
481 attorney, called Critical Permit Conditions, that identify certain features in the permit  
482 essential for the approval that the DRB has to look at.

483

484 Holt stated that he was concerned about the Planning Commission's interest in removing  
485 Master Development Plans for subdivisions. Holt stated that his opposition continues to  
486 be distorted into a straw-man argument. Holt summarized his concern that land  
487 developers should not be allowed to conceal their future development plans and build out  
488 a project in piecemeal fashion. Holt stated that it makes it fair so that developers cannot  
489 misrepresent the scope of their projects, by withholding the entirety of their plans in the  
490 Zoning application. Holt acknowledged that the current language could use  
491 improvement, but the solution is not to simply remove the requirement altogether. Holt  
492 stated that one doesn't have to look far to find precedent of a workable Master  
493 Development Plan. Holt stated that this change is antithetical to the stated goal of  
494 regulatory alignment.

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496 Hill stated that the Master Development Plan is fungible, it can be modified. Wood  
497 stated that they cannot get around a specific land area, it has to meet those regulations.

498 Wood stated that he agrees with the bigger concern of doing things in small steps to  
499 slowly work public opinion as it is not illegal, but people don't see the full scope. Miller  
500 asked at what point will the ultimate line be drawn in future for when the precedent gets  
501 there, it is difficult to change or define. Miller suggested a solution or remedy to require  
502 any further expansion of the next phase start from scratch. Wood confirmed that is  
503 already part of the process. Clarke stated that Act 250 has a staff to look at things that  
504 might be considered a red flag. Clarke stated that this is the best that they can do to  
505 ensure some kind of future that they understand. Clarke summarized that the Natural  
506 Resource standards need to be added to it because this comes into play most often in open  
507 space considerations with the Critical Permit Conditions. Clarke confirmed that the  
508 Zoning Administrator and DRB have been very frustrated with the Master Development  
509 Plan concept and they are on board with the Critical Permit Conditions.

510  
511 Home stated that it is the Development Review Board's job to review all these things so  
512 they can best plan for the for the Town and for the surrounding neighbors. Wood stated  
513 that the Critical Permit Conditions can protect them in perpetuity, whereas the Master  
514 Development Plan can be amended.

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516 LaBounty stated that State and Federal regulations are constantly changing, and she  
517 questions how those Critical Conditions are going to be established, determined, and  
518 regulated. LaBounty suggested defining what to expect to see in the Master Plan. Clarke  
519 stated that there's no way to make exact requirements for a Master Development Plan  
520 where the Critical Conditions are based on Natural Resource standards.

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522 *Furr moved to close the public hearing. Hill seconded.*

523 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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525 *Per 24 V.S.A. §4442, Furr hereby moved that the Town of Richmond Selectboard*  
526 *approve amendments to Richmond Zoning Regulations Sections Section 3.7, Industrial*  
527 *Commercial District, Section 5.12, Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Residential*  
528 *PUD and Section 7, Definitions. The purpose is to align and clarify the language of the*  
529 *PUD section, 5.12, with that of the Industrial/Commercial Zoning District, Section 3.7,*  
530 *regarding residential uses as part of a PUD or Residential PUD. All parcels within the*  
531 *Town of Richmond proposing a Planned Unit Development and the following Specific*  
532 *Industrial/Commercial District residential parcels: RG0090, RG0140, RG0226 and*  
533 *RG0300 are affected. In addition, the documents are accompanied by the required*  
534 *Bylaw Amendment Reports and Final Noticing was accomplished on April 10, 2024 in*  
535 *Seven Days and posted per statute. These amendments shall be effective 21 days after*  
536 *adoption. Hill seconded.*

537 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Sander, Wood in favor. Miller not in favor. Motion approved.*

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539 **Consideration of approving the use of \$703.00 in ARPA funds for archeology**  
540 **assessment adjacent to the Bridge St. Cemetery for the sidewalk project**

541 Timestamp: 3:18

542 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3p\\_Richmond](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3p_Richmond_Bridge_Street_Cemetery_Archaeological_Resources_Assessment_proposal.pdf)  
543 [d Bridge Street Cemetery Archaeological Resources Assessment proposal.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3p_Richmond_Bridge_Street_Cemetery_Archaeological_Resources_Assessment_proposal.pdf)

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545 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Furr, Hill, Home, LaBounty,  
546 LinnJa, Wood, Miller

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548 Arneson summarized the concern about the portion of the sidewalk that goes by the  
549 Bridge St Cemetery to make sure that area is free of any remains. Sander summarized  
550 that area was significantly altered with 1927 flood and it's entirely possible that there are  
551 remains in the Bridge St right-of-way where the sidewalk was being considered. Sander  
552 expressed concern about probing the ground and potentially disturbing graves. Sander  
553 stated the idea of a surface probe with ground penetrating radar to not disturb the ground.  
554 Furr stated that he doesn't want to build a sidewalk there if there are remains but only for  
555 safety reasons. Hill stated that it really is more of an archaeological disturbance of soil.  
556 Hill stated that they could contemplate their intent if they found things.

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558 Hill suggested that they forestall that conversation until they have the archaeologists back  
559 and engaged in that conversation. Home stated that he doesn't understand how two  
560 sidewalks would be safer than one sidewalk. Furr summarized the safety studies that  
561 indicate it's not safe to make multiple crossings of a street just to stay on a sidewalk so  
562 the downtown area will be significantly safer. LaBounty stated that they don't need a  
563 sidewalk if they must disturb somebody's grave site. Wood stated that it's valuable  
564 information to have even if they decide no sidewalk. Sanders suggested that they have  
565 UVM come and explain what they do.

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567 **Consideration of disbanding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee**

568 Timestamp: 3:36

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570 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Furr, Miller

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572 Furr summarized the current progress of the ARPA Committee. Furr stated that he didn't  
573 think the ARPA Committee should get together to discuss how to spend that last \$71,000.

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575 *Furr moved to disband the American Rescue Plan Act Committee. Miller seconded.*

576 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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578 Sander thanked the members of the ARPA Committee.

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580 **Update on guidance regarding transferring American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**  
581 **funds to the General Fund and creating a reserve account for projects directed to be**  
582 **funded with ARPA funds**

583 Timestamp: 3:38

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585 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Miller, Furr, Arneson, Hill, LaBounty,  
586 Wood

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588 Arneson reviewed the guidance from VLCT and the auditors. Arneson summarized that  
589 in order to extend the life of money in a transfer they could pay for payroll associated  
590 benefit expenses. Arneson summarized that they can go backwards and wait until  
591 July/August to decide and to obligate under contract more of these funds. Arneson stated  
592 that the second part of this is to hold a Special Meeting to ask the voters to create a  
593 Reserve fund to fund recreation, building, and pedestrian improvements. Arneson stated  
594 that there's a chance at that meeting the voters can say they do not want to transfer the  
595 money. Arneson confirmed that the Selectboard would transfer it into the General Fund  
596 and then a Special Meeting would be held to create and transfer money to a Reserve fund.  
597 LaBounty clarified that the Selectboard could transfer the money into the General Fund

598 and the voters have no say in that. Arneson confirmed that meeting the criteria of the  
599 federal government is accomplished by the Selectboard moving it into the General Fund  
600 to offset government expenses which would be a roll date back to March 3, 2021.

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602 **Consideration of adding a third speed table to the west end of Cochran Rd.**

603 Timestamp: 3:48

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605 ble\\_Locations.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3s_Speed_Table_Locations.pdf)

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607 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Furr, Miller

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609 Furr confirmed that people have been crossing a speed bump, accelerating, and then  
610 slowing down again before the next one. Arneson confirmed the Speed Table Locations  
611 in the packet.

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613 *Furr moved to approve the installation of a third speed table on the western end of*

614 *Cochran Rd. between 220 Cochran Rd. and 290 Cochran Rd. Hill seconded.*

615 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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617 **Consideration of setting hearing dates to amend the Municipal Park Ordinance to  
618 include Round Church Green**

619 Timestamp: 3:52

620 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3t\\_Proposed  
621 Amendments\\_to\\_Municipal\\_Park\\_Ordinance.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3t_Proposed_Amendments_to_Municipal_Park_Ordinance.pdf)

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623 People who participated in discussion: Arneson

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625 Arneson reviewed the change in the General section with the map but the Traffic  
626 Ordinance had several errors so they will do a more thorough review of the three sections  
627 of the Traffic Ordinance and bring that back to an agenda for a hearing date on June 3.

628

629 *Furr moved to set a hearing date of June 3, 2024 to consider changes to the Municipal*

630 *Park Ordinance. Hill seconded.*

631 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

632

633 **Update on request from Town to the Railroad to remove used railroad ties from  
634 Richmond**

635 Timestamp: 3:54

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637 People who participated in discussion: Hill, Sander

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639 Hill reviewed that there was a derailment they were dealing with and would get back to  
640 him. Sander announced several railroad puns.

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642 **Discussion of updating the Selectboard Rules of Procedure**

643 Timestamp: 3:55

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645 date - Rules of Procedure.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3w_2015_Update_-_Rules_of_Procedure.pdf)

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People who participated in discussion: Sander, Furr, Miller, Wood, Hill

Miller and Wood agreed to review the Rules of Procedure and return to the Selectboard with proposed edits.

**Consideration of approving the Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending for the 2023 Grand List**

Timestamp: 3:55

[https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3x\\_Form\\_PV\\_R-4155\\_Certificate\\_No\\_Appeal\\_or\\_Suit\\_Pending.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3x_Form_PV_R-4155_Certificate_No_Appeal_or_Suit_Pending.pdf)

People who participated in discussion: Sander, Wood, Hill

*Wood moved to certify that there are no appeals or suits pending related to the April 1, 2023 Grand List. Hill seconded.*

*Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

**Consideration of submitting a letter of intent to participate in the Grant in Aid program**

Timestamp: 3:56

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People who participated in discussion: Sander, Hill, Furr

*Hill moved to approve the Letter of Intent to participate in the FY25 Grant in Aid Program and to name Town Manager Josh Arneson as the Grant Program Manager.*

*Furr seconded.*

*Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

**Update on Staffing**

Timestamp: 3:57

People who participated in discussion: Sander, Furr, Arneson

Arneson reviewed that Police Administrative Assistant, Dianne Corbett, is retiring at the end of May. Arneson stated that Water Wastewater Superintendent, Steve Cote, obtained his Class 3 Water Operator's License and they are still actively look to fill a position.

**Update from Richmond Rescue**

Timestamp: 3:59

[https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3zaa\\_Richmond\\_Rescue\\_FY24\\_Q3\\_update.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3zaa_Richmond_Rescue_FY24_Q3_update.pdf)

People who participated in discussion: Sander

696 Sander recognized Richmond Rescue for their quarterly update and service.

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698 **Approval of Minutes, Purchase Orders, Warrants**

699 Timestamp: 4:00

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701 **Minutes:**

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703 *Miller moved to approve the Minutes of 4/15/24 as presented. Hill seconded.*

704 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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706 **Purchase Orders:**

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708 *Hill moved to approve PO# 4068 to Acer Tree Company for tree removal and pruning at*

709 *Round Church Park, Volunteers Green, and Browns Court for not to exceed \$12,530.00.*

710 *Miller seconded.*

711 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

712

713 *Hill moved to approve PO# 4680 to Marco Equipment Sales LLC for Fire Brush Truck*

714 *for not to exceed \$269,159.00. Wood seconded.*

715 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

716

717 *Hill moved to approve PO# 4872 to Union Bank for 2018 Fire Truck Loan for not to*

718 *exceed \$51,779.09. Furr seconded.*

719 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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721 *Hill moved to approve PO# 4875 to Union Bank for Dump Truck #2 Loan for not to*

722 *exceed \$27,490.32. Furr seconded.*

723 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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725 *Hill moved to approve PO# 4877 to Union Bank for Grader Loan not to exceed*

726 *\$30,655.77. Furr seconded.*

727 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

728

729 *Miller moved to approve PO# 4878 to Union Bank for Dump Truck #4 2019 not to*

730 *exceed \$24,529.77. Hill seconded.*

731 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

732

733 *Hill moved to approve PO# 4881 to RHR for FY24 Audit for not to exceed \$14,500.00.*

734 *Miller seconded.*

735 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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737 *Hill moved to approve PO# 4883 to Mount Mansfield Union School District for 4<sup>th</sup>*

738 *Quarter Final Education Taxes for not to exceed \$1,760,453.64. Wood seconded.*

739 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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741 **Warrants:**

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743 *Furr moved to approve the general warrants on 5/6/24 as presented. Hill seconded.*

744 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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746 **Next Meeting Agenda**

747 \*Agenda includes many follow-ups from current topics

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749 **Adjourn**

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751 *Miller moved to adjourn. Wood seconded.*

752 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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754 **Meeting adjourned at: 11:04 PM**

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756 **Chat file from Zoom:**

757 00:32:49 connie Bona: We also need a special meeting for the ARPA / Unassigned  
758 funds and Linda said she rather do that on day of the election

759 00:34:41 Jay Furr: [https://www.richmondvt.gov/news/post/town-of-richmond-  
760 special-meeting-april-29-2023](https://www.richmondvt.gov/news/post/town-of-richmond-special-meeting-april-29-2023)

761 00:46:50 Ben Feinson (he/him):

762 [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17NYOFUCgnGRsnxVw40QFakgF5zI9  
763 pmCtHtACPIQOQg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17NYOFUCgnGRsnxVw40QFakgF5zI9pmCtHtACPIQOQg/edit?usp=sharing)

764 00:57:46 Nicholas: Parking for Round Church Women's Run is in the Lower  
765 Lot of the Round Church

766 01:08:45 Jay Furr: Reacted to "Parking for Round Ch..." with 👍

767 01:16:18 Fisher Family: completely agree with Jack!

768 01:17:22 MMCTV Erin: Can you tell me the name of this speaker?

769 01:17:36 Jay Furr: Andrew Bessette

770 01:17:39 Chris Cole: Andrew Bessette

771 01:21:13 Jeanne:I agree. No signage has been put up that helps drivers unfamiliar  
772 with the area. Say it's a two way stop. Show a picture. We need signage instead of  
773 spending so much money

774 01:30:35 Jeanne:How about a stop sign further up Huntington Rd to slow cars down

775 01:31:48 Fisher Family: Better signage should be the first step. Stop signs would  
776 only create congestion and certainly not be environmentally responsible.

777 01:39:12 Ryan Home: I saw a sketch of a roundabout. What is the price  
778 differential vs. 4-way stop intersection.

779 01:41:48 Chris Cole: Approximately \$750,000...

780 01:44:31 Erin Farr: Reacted to "Screenshot 2024-05-06 at 204523.png" with  
781 🙌

782 01:46:16 Jeanne:I disagree. The intersection is not clear. Show them what to do

783 01:47:07 Susan Wells: A 4 way stop is definitely the safest.

784 01:49:15 Caitlin Littlefield: Another Cochran Rd resident here that regularly  
785 passes thru that intersection on foot and bike and car. Agree that safety should be top  
786 priority. I support 4-way stop.

787 01:50:00 Chris Cole: 4 way stop is the safest option for pedestrians

788 01:53:14 Susan Wells: I can attest to the fact that people do not always stop for  
789 pedestrians at a crosswalk. And who is going to enforce the laws?

790 01:54:39 Ryan Home: Painting the crosswalks is a must! If you are not local, you  
791 would have no idea one is there. (Especially walking from bridge street across  
792 Huntington Rd.)

793 02:05:36 John Linn, AIA: The selectboard should note that both options as  
794 proposed also appear to include a speed table where the speed drops to 25 by Farr Road.



795 I'm not sure that's been discussed or if it needs to happen at this point if we're looking for  
796 a simple approach.  
797 03:52:35 Susan Wells: THANK YOU!!  
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