

1 **Town of Richmond**  
2 **Selectboard Meeting**  
3 **Minutes of May 20, 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; Keith  
10 Osborne, Town Planner, Jim Feinson, Town Treasurer, Linda Parent, Town Clerk  
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12 **Others Present:** Meeting was recorded by MMCTV, Ahonsinger, Amy Gifford, Andrew Bessette,  
13 Angela Cote, Bob Galvin, Cara LaBounty, Cathleen Gent, CG, Chris Cole, Chris Granda, Chuck Gilroy,  
14 Cierra Ford, David Rugh, Denise Barnard, Dolores Carter, Erin McGuire, Fran, Fran Huntoon, George  
15 Gifford, Heidi Bormann, Jack Linn, Jeanann Haskin, John Linn, John Rankin, Julie Eschholz, Karen  
16 Yaggy, Lauck Parke, Martha Nye, Mary Houle, Nick Blanchet, Rob Hinttze, Ryan Dinneen, Steve Grant,  
17 Steven Brownlee, Susan Wells, Terry Farr  
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19 **MMCTV Video:** <https://youtu.be/RI2s5kTBDlo?si=v2bpX9OmSmjSx8a0>  
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21 **Call to Order:** 7:00 pm  
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23 **Welcome by:** Sander  
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25 **Public Comment:**  
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27 Furr stated that there's no way that sidewalks are worth closing one of our most valuable  
28 businesses. Furr stated that there are no circumstances where bodies would be moved  
29 from the cemetery.  
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31 Houle stated that every one of us does not have to pay \$10,000 of the Conservation Fund  
32 money for something that the State would hold you and me individually responsible.  
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34 Barnard requested that Items w) and d) be moved to first on the agenda. Sander  
35 confirmed.  
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37 Gifford presented a petition of 270 Richmond residents and verified by the Town Clerk  
38 that any money being spent on the sidewalk project stop now until there's an election held  
39 in November.  
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41 Bormann reviewed her history with the Economic Development Committee. Bormann  
42 stated that they have four parking spaces at Northfield Savings Bank, four parking spaces  
43 and the Community Kitchen, and two handicap spaces at the Library that will be  
44 disrupted and removed if the sidewalk goes though. Bormann stated that she discourages  
45 the Selectboard from moving forward on this because of the cost of the sidewalk and the  
46 rehabilitation of bringing this community back.  
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48 Parent reviewed that the Cemetery Board of Commissioners are totally against the  
49 sidewalk project.  
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51 LaBounty stated that she does not support any kind of burrowing or testing into the  
52 ground and opposes the sidewalk along that side of the road.

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54 Hill stated that there were sidewalk proponents and supporters from outside the  
55 Selectboard.

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57 Furr stated that there were a lot of pedestrian and bicycle safety record requests for the  
58 use of ARPA funds. Furr reviewed there's a real interest from a lot of people who are  
59 mobility impaired, elderly, or have very young ones in making our downtown safer.

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61 Haskins said someone signed the petition because they did not realize the impact it would  
62 have on the businesses.

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64 LinnJa stated that the plan doesn't make any sense and has yet to find anybody in favor of  
65 it. LinnJa stated that he agrees with Mary Houle.

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67 **Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present**

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69 **Consideration of holding a special selectboard meeting on June 10, 2024 to discuss**  
70 **the Bridge St. Sidewalk Project**

71 Timestamp: 0:23

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73 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Hill, Bormann, Gifford, Rugh, Miller,  
74 Furr, Arneson, LaBounty, Hintze, Haskins, Barnard, Wood

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76 The Selectboard, public, and Rugh discussed the special selectboard meeting and how it  
77 might pertain to the petition for a vote in November or spending any money on the  
78 sidewalk project.

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80 Arneson stated that a discussion of other sidewalk alternatives would need to include the  
81 Transportation Commission. Hill stated that the Transportation Committee and Planning  
82 and Zoning staff could have conversations about what options are viable.

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84 Arneson reviewed that if they are interested in seeing alternatives for how a sidewalk  
85 might be acceptable then hire the engineer or if they do not want to consider a sidewalk  
86 then they would stop it now.

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88 *Miller moved to pause all spending from this point forward on sidewalk design. Furr*  
89 *seconded.*

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

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92 **Discussion of options for archeology work near the Bridge St. Cemetery for the**  
93 **sidewalk project, possible vote on approval of agreement with UVM Consulting**  
94 **Archaeology Program**

95 Timestamp: 1:02

96 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3d\\_Richmond](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3d_Richmond_Bridge_Street_Cemetery_Archaeological_Resources_Assessment_proposal.pdf)  
97 [\\_Bridge\\_Street\\_Cemetery\\_Archaeological\\_Resources\\_Assessment\\_proposal.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3d_Richmond_Bridge_Street_Cemetery_Archaeological_Resources_Assessment_proposal.pdf)

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99 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Singer, Grant, Miller, Hill,

100 Bormann, Barnard, Furr, LaBounty, Gilroy

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102 Singer stated he will present information on GPR and Grant will present the methods.  
103 Singer stated that ground penetrating radar uses wideband electric magnetic pulses and  
104 non-invasively assesses subsurface conditions that detects contrasts in chemical and  
105 electrical properties in the soil. Singer stated that the only real unequivocal way to  
106 identify a burial is through stripping of the topsoil. Grant displayed an image of a ground  
107 penetrating radar unit and how it works. Grant stated that they put a degree of confidence  
108 on multiple GPR lines. Grant confirmed that ground and surface conditions can affect  
109 the results. Grant stated that high clay content might not be seen more than a few inches  
110 into the ground whereas sandy conditions might see 10s of feet. Grant stated that they  
111 have detected burials 100-150 years old.

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113 Furr stated that this technology would not be capable of absolutely ruling out bodies from  
114 the 1850s. Hill suggested delaying any final decision until after the June 10 meeting.  
115 Gilroy suggested it might be worthwhile to do this so if they do find something, they  
116 move the fence so that it remains hallowed ground.

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118 **Update on 3-Acre Strom Water Permit for Greystone Estates, possible executive**  
119 **session**

120 Timestamp: 1:25

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122 Arneson reviewed that the Town in this area is responsible for the roads and the road  
123 right away and there is a homeowner's association that's responsible for the rest of the  
124 stormwater and impervious surface.

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126 *Miller moved to find that premature public knowledge about confidential attorney-client*  
127 *communications regarding the 3-Acre Strom Water Permit for Greystone Estates would*  
128 *cause the Town or person to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Furr seconded.*

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

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131 *Miller moved that we enter into executive session to discuss confidential attorney-client*  
132 *communications regarding the 3-Acre Strom Water Permit for Greystone Estates under*  
133 *the provisions of 1 VSA 313(a)(1)(f) and to invite Town Manager Josh Arneson and*  
134 *Attorney Dave Rugh into the executive session. Furr seconded.*

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

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137 *Furr moved to exit executive session. Hill seconded.*

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

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140 *Wood moved to approve the Stormwater Management Agreement between the Town of*  
141 *Richmond and Greystone Estates Residents Association, INC. Miller seconded.*

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

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144 **Update on appeal of Hillview Heights final subdivision application, possible**  
145 **executive session**

146 Timestamp: 1:28

147 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3b1\\_23-11-](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3b1_23-11-15_SUB_2023_13_Hillview_HV_2427_Final_Subdivision_Approval.PDF)  
148 [15\\_SUB\\_2023\\_13\\_Hillview\\_HV\\_2427\\_Final\\_Subdivision\\_Approval.PDF](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3b1_23-11-15_SUB_2023_13_Hillview_HV_2427_Final_Subdivision_Approval.PDF)

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150 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3b2\\_23-12-07\\_Notice\\_of\\_Appeal\\_of\\_DRB\\_Decision\\_-\\_Final\\_Subdivision\\_Approval.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3b2_23-12-07_Notice_of_Appeal_of_DRB_Decision_-_Final_Subdivision_Approval.pdf)

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156 *Wood moved to find that premature general public knowledge of the Town's position in the Hillview Heights preliminary subdivision approval litigation would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage because public disclosure of the discussion would jeopardize the Town's litigation strategy and would lead to the disclosure of privileged and confidential attorney-client communications. Hill seconded.*

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163 *Wood moved to enter executive session under 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(1)(f) to discuss attorney-client confidential communications and the pending appeal of the Hillview Heights preliminary subdivision approval, inviting the Town Manager Josh Arneson and attorney Dave Rugh to join the executive session. Hill seconded.*

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## **Consideration of making appointments to Town committees**

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### Development Review Board (DRB)

*Furr moved to appoint to the Development Review Board Padraic Monks to a 3-year term. Wood seconded.*

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

### Andrews Community Forest Committee

*Hill moved to appoint to the Andrews Community Forest Committee Wright Preston to a 3-year term and Daniel Schmidt to a 3-year Conservation Commission Representative term. Miller seconded.*

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

### Conservation Commission

*Miller moved to appoint to the Conservation Commission Bob Galvin and Sam Pratt to a 4-year term. Hill seconded.*

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

### Parking Advisory Committee

*Hill moved to appoint to the Parking Advisory Committee Chuck Gilroy and John Rankin to 2-year terms. Miller seconded.*

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

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201 Planning Commission  
202 *Miller moved to appoint to the Planning Commission (Mark Fausel) to a 4-year term.*  
203 *Wood seconded.*  
204 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
205  
206 Recreation Committee  
207 *Furr moved to modify the Recreation Committee so that they strike the Huntington and*  
208 *Bolton resident seats and replace them with two 2-year seats for Richmond residents and*  
209 *take action to restate and mandate to reflect more accurately what the Selectboard wants*  
210 *the Committee to do. Hill seconded.*  
211 *Roll Call Vote follows discussion.*  
212  
213 *Miller suggested having feedback from the Recreation Committee.*  
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215 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
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217 Trails Committee  
218 *Furr moved to appoint to the Trails Committee Hannah Harrington to a 3-year term.*  
219 *Miller seconded.*  
220 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
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222 Transportation Committee  
223 *Miller moved to appoint to the Transportation Committee Jon Kart to a 2-year term. Hill*  
224 *seconded.*  
225 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
226  
227 Gardening Committee  
228 *Wood move to appoint to the Gardening Committee Jessica Clements to a 3-year term*  
229 *that ends in 2026. Hill seconded.*  
230 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
231  
232 Housing Committee  
233 *Miller moved to appoint to the Housing Committee Andrew Mannix, Mark Hall, and*  
234 *Matthew Parisi to 2-year terms and Nick Blanchet to a 2-year Alternate term. Furr*  
235 *seconded.*  
236 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
237  
238 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Fireworks Committee  
239 *Miller moved to approve to the 4th of July Parade & Fireworks Committee Susan*  
240 *Glennon, Justin Spence, Ken Nussbaum, Amanda Cobb, Stefani Hartsfield, Chris Jenkins,*  
241 *Rebecca Roose, Julie Wahlin, Jay Furr, Donna Niquette, Harland Stockwell. Hill*  
242 *seconded.*  
243 *Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Furr abstains. Motion approved.*  
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246 Animal Control Officer  
247 *Hill moved to appoint the Animal Control Officer (Andy Squires) to a 1-year term. Miller*  
248 *seconded.*  
249 *Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Furr abstains. Motion approved.*

250  
251 Energy Coordinator  
252 *Wood moved to request Jeff Forward to apply to the Energy Coordinator 1-year term.*  
253 *Furr seconded.*  
254 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
255  
256 Town Center & Library Committee  
257 *Wood moved to expand the Town Center and Library Committee to seven members and*  
258 *appoint Cara LaBounty to a 1-year term. Hill seconded.*  
259 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Sander, Wood in favor. Miller abstains. Motion approved.*  
260  
261 Tree Warden  
262 *Furr moved to appoint the Tree Warden Caitlin Littlefield to a 1-year term. Hill*  
263 *seconded.*  
264 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
265  
266 *Miller move to appoint the Deputy Tree Warden Matt Leonetti) to a 1-year term. Hill*  
267 *seconded.*  
268 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
269  
270 Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood  
271 *Furr moved to appoint the Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood Jon Kart to a 1-year*  
272 *term. Hill seconded.*  
273 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
274  
275 Weigher of Coal  
276 *Miller moved to appoint the Weigher of Coal Jay Furr and Jeff Forward to a 1-year*  
277 *term. Hill seconded.*  
278 *Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Furr abstains. Motion approved.*  
279  
280 Richmond Rescue Board of Directors-Liaison/Representative  
281 *Miller moved to appoint the Richmond Rescue Board of Directors-Liaison/Representative*  
282 *Amy Wardwell to a 1-year term. Hill seconded.*  
283 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
284  
285 Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors  
286 *Wood moved to appoint to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Board*  
287 *of Directors Bard Hill to a 2-year term. Miller seconded.*  
288 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Hill abstains. Motion*  
289 *approved.*  
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291 Emergency Management Director  
292 *Hill moved to appoint the Emergency Management Director Josh Arneson to a one-year*  
293 *term. Miller seconded.*  
294 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
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297 Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee  
298 (TAC)

299 *Hill moved to appoint the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission*  
300 *Transportation Advisory Committee representative Josh Arneson to a one-year term.*  
301 *Wood seconded.*  
302 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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304 *Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Clean Water Advisory Committee*  
305 *(CWAC)*

306 *Hill moved to appoint the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission Clean*  
307 *Water Advisory Committee representative Keith Osborne to a one year term. Wood*  
308 *seconded.*  
309 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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311 **Consideration of approval of increase in price for mattress disposal at solid waste**  
312 **transfer station**

313 Timestamp: 2:12

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315 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Dinneen

316  
317 Dinneen summarized the price change for mattress disposal.

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319 *Furr moved to approve the price change for mattress disposal which increases the price*  
320 *to \$45 for all sizes of mattresses and box springs. Hill seconded.*

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

322  
323 **Consideration of submitting a permit to install a seasonal ladder at Overrockers for**  
324 **access to the Winooski River and approving an agreement with Umiak to use the**  
325 **ladder for tubing tours**

326 Timestamp: 2:14

327 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3i\\_RID24-](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3i_RID24-002_Agreement_With_Umiak_for_Ladder_Use_5-9-24_agr_DRAFT.pdf)  
328 [002\\_Agreement\\_With\\_Umiak\\_for\\_Ladder\\_Use\\_5-9-24\\_agr\\_DRAFT.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3i_RID24-002_Agreement_With_Umiak_for_Ladder_Use_5-9-24_agr_DRAFT.pdf)

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331 [002\\_Agreement\\_With\\_Umiak\\_for\\_Ladder\\_Use\\_5-9-24\\_agr\\_DRAFT\\_1.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3i2_RID24-002_Agreement_With_Umiak_for_Ladder_Use_5-9-24_agr_DRAFT_1.pdf)

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333 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Miller, Hill, Brownlee,  
334 LaBounty, Wood, Furr

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336 Arneson reviewed the solution that came up with the attorneys and insurance was if they  
337 donated the ladder and it became a Town ladder, then the Town would assume  
338 responsibility for maintenance of the ladder. Arneson stated that if Selectboard wants the  
339 ladder they will apply for the permit which should be a conditional use approval with an  
340 agreement with Umiak to utilize the ladder with a suggested \$500 fee. Arneson  
341 summarized that Umiak would take care of maintenance of the ladder and provide \$15  
342 tubing for Richmond residents.

343  
344 *Hill moved to submit a permit application for installation of a seasonal ladder at*  
345 *Overrockers Park to be used to exit and enter the Winooski River. Wood seconded.*  
346 *Roll Call Vote follows discussion.*

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348 LaBounty stated that Umiak no longer wishes to maintain it, then they are taking full  
349 liability and putting it in the floodway. Hill stated that this is not the only structure  
350 reinstalled by the Trails Committee. Brownlee stated that Umiak monitors the water  
351 levels and pulls the ladder up so that it doesn't wash down.

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

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355 *Hill moved to approve a 1-year agreement with Umiak for use of the ladder by Umiak*  
356 *tubing customers for no fee but with the \$15 tubing for Richmond residents.*

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

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359 **Consideration of approval of request to use up to \$10,000 from the Conservation**  
360 **Reserve Fund as a match for a grant for an engineering study of Donahue Brook**

361 Timestamp: 2:23

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363 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3f2\\_Stone\\_Environmental\\_Scope\\_and\\_Cost.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3f2_Stone_Environmental_Scope_and_Cost.pdf)

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367 *People who participated in discussion: Sander, Feinson, Hill, Wood, Furr, Cole,*  
368 *LaBounty*

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372 Feinson reviewed that the Richmond Land Trust submitted the application that has been  
373 approved by the Conservation Commission related to the flooding. Feinson summarized  
374 that the State through the Agency of Natural Resources indicated that they would support  
375 it with a proper study, and they are working with the Friends of the Winooski, which has  
376 access to State grant funds on a 50% match for proposed proposals in the neighborhood  
377 of \$17,000 to \$20,000 for the engineering study. Feinson stated that there is getting the  
378 work done first and the second is who pays for it.

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380 Feinson reviewed that they are hopeful that the study will conclude that the brook can be  
381 cleared and put back in its historic channel but would need to understand the scope and  
382 cost of that work. Cole suggested three jurisdictional agencies involved at the State, the  
383 Agency of Agriculture, the Agency of Transportation, and the Agency of Natural  
384 Resources. Feinson summarized that the hope would be that the result would be where  
385 they were before last July.

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387 LaBounty stated that it has damaged wetlands and filled floodplains and the State really  
388 needs to look at the full list of how to fix it. Furr stated that Kesha Ram Hinsdale  
389 mentioned that the State has money available for hydrological remediation projects. Hill  
390 suggested the Governor's attention because the different agencies don't always work  
391 together well. Hill suggested tabling this until the next meeting with a letter and  
392 commitment from the Governor's office.

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394 **Update on police officer hiring and consideration of accepting ownership of Duke,**  
395 **the Comfort K9 who works with the officer**



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400 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Furr, LaBounty, Miller, Hill  
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402 Furr summarized that this is more of a comfort dog. Furr summarized that they would be  
403 paying for the dog food out of the Town's budget and would also need to legally adopt  
404 the dog to make him a Town employee. Arneson reviewed the agreement with the  
405 breeder and the transition of the officer and dog from Williston. Arneson summarized  
406 the annual cost of food in vet bills and supplies is about \$3,000 per year with a  
407 fundraising and donation program that essentially pays for itself. Hill stated that the  
408 Town is a legal entity but it's not like the Town takes the dog home at night. Arneson  
409 suggested inviting the officer and Chief Cambridge to the next meeting.  
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411 **Discussion of the Thompson Rd., Huntington Rd., Bridge St., and Cochran Rd.**  
412 **intersection**  
413 Timestamp: 2:56  
414 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3h1\\_RTC\\_T\\_HBC\\_Intersection\\_Alternatives\\_Presentation\\_4-2024.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3h1_RTC_T_HBC_Intersection_Alternatives_Presentation_4-2024.pdf)  
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420 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Hill, Miller, Cole, Arneson, LaBounty,  
421 Wood, Wells, Cole  
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423 Hill asked what level of intervention they want to see from nothing with the roadway  
424 improvement, like narrowing to change how people turn off the corners. Miller shared a  
425 scary personal experience with a bike that made her think that they need a four-way stop.  
426 Sander summarized that they would bring this back next meeting and discuss it with more  
427 people.  
428  
429 **Consideration of approval of increase in FY25 pay grid**  
430 Timestamp: 3:07  
431  
432 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Furr, LaBounty, Wood, Arneson, Miller,  
433 Hill  
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435 Arneson reviewed how the budget for FY25 would be built on a 3% increase.  
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437 *Furr moved to increase the Town pay grid by 3.2% for Fiscal Year 2025. Miller*  
438 *seconded.*  
439 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
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441 **Correction regarding Certificate of Deposit rates**  
442 Timestamp: 3:12  
443 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3k\\_CD\\_7\\_interest\\_rates\\_1.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3k_CD_7_interest_rates_1.pdf)  
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446 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson

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448 Sander summarized that the difference in interest earned between the two banks at the  
449 end of six months comes to \$223.47 and Feinson wants to stay with Northfield Savings  
450 Bank because they're local to Richmond.

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452 **Consideration of creating a bank account for use for July 4th fundraiser**

453 Timestamp: 3:13

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

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457 Furr summarized the coin drop and July 4<sup>th</sup> funds.

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459 *Furr moved to establish a bank account with Northfield Saving Bank to be used for*  
460 *Fourth of July fundraising and expenses. Wood seconded.*

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

462

463 **Consideration of approving a coin drop policy**

464 Timestamp: 3:16

465 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3m1\\_Coin\\_D](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3m1_Coin_Drop_Policy_DRAFT_05-14-24__1_.pdf)  
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471 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Miller, Wood, Furr

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473 Arneson reviewed that two people are at each intersection with either a Town official or  
474 employee with a procedure for bringing that money to the Town Clerk to have it counted.

475

476 *Wood moved to approve the amendments to the coin drop policy as presented. Hill*  
477 *seconded.*

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

479

480 **Consideration of accepting grant for Winooski River Hazard Mitigation Scoping**  
481 **Study**

482 Timestamp: 3:22

483 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3p\\_NR24164](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3p_NR241644XXXXC032_SIGN_Richmond.pdf)  
484 [4XXXXC032\\_SIGN\\_Richmond.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3p_NR241644XXXXC032_SIGN_Richmond.pdf)

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486 *Furr moved to accept the grant for Winooski River Hazard Mitigation Scoping Study and*  
487 *to name Town Manager Josh Arneson as the duly authorized representative. Miller*  
488 *seconded.*

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

490

491 **Consideration of accepting a USDA Emergency Watershed Protection grant for**  
492 **flood mitigation at two privately owned parcels**

493 Timestamp: 3:22  
494 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3q\\_2024\\_04\\_29\\_Revised\\_project\\_Proposal\\_letter.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3q_2024_04_29_Revised_project_Proposal_letter.pdf)  
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497 *Furr moved to accept the USDA Emergency Watershed Protection grant with the*  
498 *understanding that any costs not covered by the grant will be the responsibility of the*  
499 *homeowners whom the grant benefits, and to name Town Manager Josh Arneson as the*  
500 *duly authorized representative. Hill seconded.*  
501 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
502  
503 **Consideration of approving liquor licenses**  
504 Timestamp: 3:23  
505 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3s1\\_Stone\\_Corral\\_Liquor\\_License.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/05/3s1_Stone_Corral_Liquor_License.pdf)  
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511 *Furr moved to approve first-class liquor license for Stone Corral and Sweet Simones.*  
512 *Miller seconded.*  
513 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
514  
515 **Update on a project to change the locks at the Town Center**  
516 Timestamp: 3:23  
517  
518 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Furr, Wood, Hill  
519  
520 Arneson summarized that it could be the front door and the two doors leading up the  
521 stairs for different members or committees. The Selectboard discussed many different  
522 options.  
523  
524 **Approval of Minutes, Purchase Orders, Warrants**  
525 Timestamp: 3:28  
526  
527 **Minutes:**  
528 *Furr moved to approve the Minutes of 5/6/24 as presented. Hill seconded.*  
529 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
530  
531 *Miller moved to approve the Minutes of 5/13/24 as presented. Hill seconded.*  
532 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
533  
534 **Purchase Orders:**  
535 *Miller moved to approve PO# 4818 to County of Chittenden for County Tax not to exceed*  
536 *\$26,438.00. Miller seconded.*  
537 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*  
538  
539 **Warrants:**  
540  
541 *Furr moved to approve the general warrants on 5/20/24 as presented. Miller seconded.*  
542 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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544 **Next Meeting Agenda**

545 \*Tabled items

546 \*VG/BC/RC and Recreation Committees

547 \*Land Trust Flooding

548 \*Open Public Meeting Laws & Statues

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550 **Adjourn**

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552 *Furr moved to adjourn. Hill seconded.*

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

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555 **Meeting adjourned at: 10:58 pm**

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557 **Chat file from Zoom:**

558 00:43:27 Andrew Bessette: I agree with Jean, The quote of the year, ' You can  
559 not fix stupid" Thanks Andy Bessette

560 00:58:07 Jean's iPad: Stop it now

561 01:20:12 Linda Parent: 1800's

562 01:28:11 MMCTV Erin: Can't hear audience in back or right side

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