

1 **Special Meeting of the Town of Richmond Selectboard:**
2 **Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Vehicular Traffic in the Village**
3 **June 24, 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
10 Manager; Linda Parent, Town Clerk; Anthony Cambridge, Richmond Police Chief
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12 **Others Present:** Meeting was recorded by MMCTV, 18023553391, Allen Knowles, Amy Wardwell,
13 Andrew Bessette, Angela Cote, Brady Katzman-Rooks, Cara LaBounty, Carina Hamel, Cathleen Gent,
14 Dave Thomas, Denise Barnard, Erin Farr, Erin McGuire, Fran, Fran Huntoon, Gabriel, Heidi Bormann,
15 Irwin Langer, Jake Hollenbach, Jared Katz, Jared Paquette, Jean Bressor, Jeanann Haskin, Jeff Forward,
16 Jennifer Fleury, John Hamerslough, John Linn, Jon Kart, Lauck Parke, Linda Langer, Mary Houle, Matt
17 Moulthrop, Melissa Wolaver, Morgan Wolaver, Patty Brushett, Rod West, Roy Hintze, Virginia Clarke,
18 Will Smith
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20 **MMCTV Video:** https://youtu.be/FxnZmohRd4U?si=Py4AO_DIm_8l1f2v
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22 **Call to Order:** 7:00 pm
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24 **Welcome by:** Sander
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26 **Public Comment:** None
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28 **Additions or Deletions to Agenda:**
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30 Arneson stated that there will be a Purchase Order at the end of the meeting.
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32 **Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present**
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34 **Consideration of approval of liquor licenses**

35 Timestamp: 0:02
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37 *Miller moved to approve first and third class liquor licenses for Richmond Yacht Club,*
38 *doing business as Big Spruce, and Hatchet. Hill seconded.*

39 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*
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41 **Discussion of pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic issues in the Village. The**
42 **geographic location of focus for this discussion is 1) Bridge St. from the intersection**
43 **with Rt. 2 south to the Bridge St. bridge, 2) side roads off of Bridge St. between Rt. 2**
44 **and the Bridge St. bridge, and 3) municipal owned parking areas off of Bridge St.**
45 **between Rt. 2 and the Bridge St. bridge**

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48 **Documents included in meeting packet to facilitate discussion**
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52 **Richmond Bridge St. Complete Streets Corridor Study**
53 https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/06/3b1_Richmond_Bridge_Street_Complete_Streets_Corridor_Study.pdf

56 **Richmond Street and Sidewalk Audit**
57 https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/06/3b2_Richmond_Street_and_Sidewalk_Audit.pdf

60 **Richmond Traffic Ordinance**
61 https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2024/06/3b3_MOTOR_VEHICLE_AND_TRAFFIC_REGULATION_ORDINANCE.pdf

64 **Creation of a list of pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic issues based on feedback from the public**
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66 Timestamp: 0:14

68 **Discussion of possible solutions to issues listed in agenda item II**
69 Timestamp: 1:14

71 List of issues and potential solutions discussed:

73 Vehicles and bicycles travel too fast down Jericho Rd. into Bridge St.

74 •Address signal light north of School St. on Jericho Rd.

76 Rt. 2 intersection is dangerous for pedestrians with too many moving vehicles from multiple directions, including the Cumberland Farms parking area. Cars are not yielding to pedestrians in crosswalk at traffic signal.

79 •Station police officer in the intersection on school mornings.

80 •Create an all vehicle stop to allow for time for only pedestrian traffic.

81 •Increase level of audio signal at intersection.

82 •Move left turn arrow for vehicles turning off of Bridge St. to beginning of green signal.

84 It is unclear where pedestrians are supposed to walk on Bridge St. next to Cumberland Farms. Parked cars and delivery trucks in this location obstruct pedestrians.

86 •Paint a crosswalk style walkway in this area

87 •Paint a brick pattern for this crosswalk style walkway

88 •Limit deliveries to Cumberland Farms to only before 7am

90 Bridge St. crosswalk at Jolina Ct. can be dangerous, especially at night.

92 Lack of a crosswalk across Bridge St. just south of Pleasant St. and Depot St.

94 Crosswalks in general are not visible enough.

95 •Add flexible delineator in middle of crosswalks.

96 •Add automated illumination when signal is activated.

97 •Better and more frequent painting for crosswalks.

98 •Paint crosswalks a color other than white.

99 •Paint crosswalks with reflective paint.

100 •Three dimensional painted crosswalks.

101 •Add texture to crosswalks to mimic cobblestone or brick.

102 •Add speed tables for each crosswalk on Bridge St with the exception of the traffic
103 signal.

104 •Add rumble strips prior to crosswalks – but ensure these would not damage a vehicle or
105 bicycle.

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107 Pedestrians are not using crosswalks safely.

108 •Ask schools to teach these skills.

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110 Long vehicles block illuminated cross walk on upper Bridge St.

111 •Limit length of vehicles that park on upper Bridge St.

112 •Add a bump out for the crosswalk.

113 •Make parking spaces next to crosswalk compact car only. Limit parking in this spot to
114 15 minutes.

115 •Increase height of flashing beacon on crosswalk so it can be seen over parked cars.

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117 Painted sidewalk in front of market does not have barriers for traffic.

118 •Add flexible delineators to visually separate pedestrians from traffic.

119 •Use garden beds or other separator in place of flexible delineators.

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121 Sidewalk on Bridge St. is narrowed by too many planters, tables, and chairs.

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123 Lack of sidewalk on east side of Bridge St. creates a need for multiple crossings of
124 Bridge St. for some pedestrian routes.

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126 Jolina Ct. will see more residential development in the next few years creating more
127 pedestrian traffic on the east side of Bridge St.

128 •Create walking path between Town Center and Jolina Ct. routed behind cemetery.

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130 Vehicle and bicycle speed is too fast on Bridge St.

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132 Bridge St. is used by many as a throughway to get where they are going.

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134 Speed tables on Cochran Rd. are diverting trucks to Bridge St. to avoid the speed tables.

135 •Add more speed limit signs on Bridge St.

136 •Add speed limit sign immediately south of Railroad St. Cars tend to speed up in this
137 section as they have crossed the railroad track and there is no street parking in this area.

138 •Utilize police for speed enforcement.

139 •Add signage to creatively display a warning that speeding tickets will be issued.

140 •Use automated ticketing – not possible under the current Vermont statutes. Follow up
141 with legislatures to ask to have this changed.

142 •Add radar speed feedback sign to Bridge St.

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144 Not enough built infrastructure to control speed - paint and signs are not effective enough

145 •Add gardens, flags and other objects to utility poles

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147 Lighting on sidewalk is too dim.

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149 Lighting in Town Center parking lot is too dim.

150 •Trim back trees.

151 •Add bulbs.

152 •Add timer to lights to turn off when people are not using the Town Center.
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154 Lack of stop lines with stop signs.
155 •Add stop lines to all stop signs.
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157 Need to better understand who is walking on Bridge St. including age, time of day, group
158 size etc. to inform the solutions.
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160 No sense of arrival at the Village.
161 •Create a sense of arrival including expectation of slower vehicular traffic.
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163 Bicycles are not yielding to pedestrians.
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165 Funding.
166 •Utilize existing budget lines.
167 •Utilize unassigned funds.
168 •Utilize ARPA funds.
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170 **Purchase Order**
171 Timestamp: 2:07
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173 *Hill moved to approve PO# 4930 to EJ Prescott for Tilden Ave Stormwater not to exceed*
174 *\$15,266.55. Furr seconded.*
175 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*
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177 **Adjourn**
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179 *Furr moved to adjourn. Hill seconded.*
180 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*
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182 **Meeting adjourned at: 9:08 pm**
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184 **Chat:**
185 00:39:16 Erin Farr: My last thought. A 15 minute parking or compact car
186 parking sign would be very helpful for the parking spot on the north side of the sweet
187 simones cross walk
188 00:41:12 Jean's iPad: Good idea Heidi
189 00:43:50 Jean's iPad: Good idea on cobblestone walkway
190 00:49:50 Jean's iPad: I like the grooves in the road idea
191 01:06:58 Jean's iPad: Agree with Cara on walks through the town center
192 01:21:21 Jean's iPad: School crossing guards are a good idea
193 01:21:27 Jeff Forward: We could talk to the school district about hiring crossing
194 guards for the route 2 intersection.
195 01:22:47 Jean's iPad: They had them when my kids went to school; they were
196 volunteers
197 01:38:16 Andrew Bessette: put the sidewalk flat with the pavement, so car can
198 drive over it. there is several places intown where cars drive over the sidewalk
199 02:00:39 Jean's iPad: With automated speed/ticketing apply to bicycles?
200 02:01:26 Jean's iPad: I had a bicycle pass me going down Wes white hill; I was
201 going 35