

1 **Town of Richmond**
2 **Special Selectboard Meeting**
3 **Public Informational Meeting**
4 **Minutes of February 24, 2025**

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6 **Members Present:** Bard Hill, David Sander, Jay Furr, Adam Wood

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8 **Absent:** Lisa Miller

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10 **Staff Present:** Town Manager Josh Arneson; Assistant to the Town Manager Duncan
11 Wardwell; Finance Director Connie Bona; Fire Department Chief Dennis Gile; Gerald
12 Levesque, Assistant Fire Chief; Highway Department Chief Pete Gosselin; Library
13 Director Suzanne Krohn

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15 **Others Present:** MMCTV Erin Wagg, Suzanne Parent OCCC, Laurie Dana, Gretchen
16 Bambrick, mlw iPad 10th Gen, John Michael Longworth COTS, Judy Rosovsky Chair of
17 Conservation Commission, Anna Burke for STEPS, Cam Lauf Executive Director of
18 Turning Point for Chittenden County.

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21 **MMCTV Video:** Recorded by MMCTV by Erin Wagg
22 <https://youtu.be/P1KHNRI34Rs?si=bGX530bPzYIrY0tQ>

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24 **Call to Order:** 7:00 pm

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26 **Welcome by:** Sander

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28 **Public Comment:** None

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30 **Additions or Deletions to Agenda:** None

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32 **Official Warning of Annual Town Meeting**

33 Timestamp: 0:00

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38 Arneson explained what he expects will take place on Town Meeting Day.

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

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42 **Australian Ballot Information Hearing**

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44 Arneson repeated that the budget will be voted on by Australian ballot this year.

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47 **Review FY26 Budget**

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People who participated in the discussion: Arneson, Sander

Arneson presented the following PowerPoint as an overview of the FY26 budget. There were no questions.

https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2025/02/2a6_FY2026_Budget_Presentation_-_2-24-25_a.pdf

Review and discuss Article 8

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https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2025/02/2b_2025_Renewal-Presentation-2025-Presentation_Itself_020625.pdf

People who participated in the discussion: Rosovsky

Rosovsky spoke about what the Conservation Reserve Fund does and shared the above linked presentation. She said the citizens can direct where the commission's monies go.

Review and discuss Articles 9 - 17

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119 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Hill, Parent, Furr, Burke, Lauf
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121 Hill reminded people that each organization's request for funds is listed on the Town of
122 Richmond's website. Arneson went through each request. Longworth mentioned what his
123 organization does and who COTS helps. Parent described that OCCC are helping more
124 and more children, migrant families and families without permanent housing, and they
125 are open to the public for visits. Furr added that there are several kids who would not
126 have anything to eat if it wasn't for OCCC. Parent added that they have a higher staff to
127 camper ratio than other programs. Burke described what STEPS does and what they
128 offer, mostly assistance for victims of domestic violence or dating violence. Lauff
129 described what the Turning Point Center offers and who they serve, related to substance
130 abuse and addictions. Furr explained what Hope Works provides in terms of valuable
131 services.

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133 **Adjourn**

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138 *Wood moved to adjourn. Hill seconded.*

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

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141 **Meeting adjourned at: 8:14 pm**

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143 **Chat file from Zoom:**

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145 01:02:11 mlw iPad 10th Gen: Also provides jobs for youths in Richmond.

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