

1 **Town of Richmond**  
2 **Selectboard Meeting**  
3 **Minutes of February 18, 2025**  
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5 **Members Present:** Bard Hill, Adam Wood, David Sander, Lisa Miller  
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7 **Absent:** Jay Furr  
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9 **Staff Present:** Town Manager Josh Arneson; Assistant to the Town Manager Duncan  
10 Wardwell, Town Clerk Linda Parent, Finance Director Connie Bona, Planning Director  
11 Keith Osborne.  
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13 **Others Present:** MMCTV Erin Wagg, Bradley Holt, June Heston, Caity Filkins, Matt  
14 Parisi, Jane D, rlow, Jason Pelletier, Melissa Wolaver, Mike Donoghue, Trevor Brooks,  
15 Karen Yaggy, Sam Pratt, Chelsye's iPhone, David Sunshine, Chase Rosenberg Trails  
16 committee, Wright Preston ACF Committee, Brad Elliott Conservation Commission,  
17 Rachel Ciancola, Karin Ward.  
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20 **MMCTV Video:** Recorded by MMCTV by Erin Wagg  
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23 **Call to Order:** 7:02 pm  
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25 **Welcome by:** Sander  
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27 **Public Comment:**  
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29 Arneson stated that Police Chief Cambridge was supposed to start on 2/18 but will now  
30 start on 2/23.

31 Parisi wanted to move the Agenda around to have the ethics case heard earlier, to which  
32 Arneson said it may be difficult to do because people may be logging on later specifically  
33 for that agenda item. Wood suggested that they move through the prior agenda items  
34 swiftly.  
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37 **Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present**  
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39 **Reminder of Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, and the informational**  
40 **meetings Monday, February 24, 2025 at 7 PM**

41 Timestamp: 0:03  
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49 People who participated in discussion: Sander

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51 Arneson reminded people that the Budget is being voted on by Australian Ballot this year  
52 and you have to request an early ballot or go to the Town Clerk's Office during open  
53 hours to vote early. Otherwise, all voting will take place at Camel's Hump Middle School  
54 on Town Meeting Day, Tuesday March 4th between 07:00a to 7:00 p.m.

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57 **Announcement of Retirement Party for Town Clerk Linda Parent on Wednesday,**  
58 **February 19 at Stone's Throw from 5 – 7pm**

59 Timestamp: 0:05

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61 People who participated in discussion: Sander

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63 The public is invited to come and thank Town Clerk Linda Parent for her service of over  
64 30 years. There will be cake and pizza.

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67 **Discussion of transition of duties from current Town Clerk to newly elected Town**  
68 **Clerk**

69 Timestamp: 0:06

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75 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson

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77 Arneson stated that both candidates expressed wanting to have Parent stay on for four  
78 weeks to help them learn the job and have a smooth turnover.

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81 *Hill moved to approve the Document Concerning the Extension of Town Clerk Linda*  
82 *Parent's Employment. Miller seconded.*

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

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86 **Discussion of next steps for the Andrews Community Forest Trail Plan**

87 Timestamp: 0:09

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92 People who participated in discussion: Rosenberg, Hill, Miller, Preston, Elliott, Wolaver,  
93 Pratt

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95 Rosenberg stated that the ACF Committee wanted to know if the Selectboard is interested  
96 in receiving a trails plan, that they would vote on which would then allow the Trails  
97 Committee to move forward or if the Selectboard would prefer to have an entire  
98 management plan submitted by ACF Committee for approval, where the trails plan would  
99 be included. Hill asked how such a plan would be presented to the Selectboard, because

100 prior management plans included distinct parts of the whole which supported each other  
101 where the trails plan was included. Rosenberg replied that a trails plan would make an  
102 impact on other parts of the management plan, and the trails plan is contentious at this  
103 time. Miller suggested going from a general overview of a plan to the specifics of a plan.  
104 Presently the ACF committee is divided on how to get started by putting together an  
105 entire management plan. Rosenberg thinks the trails plan should be created first. Hill  
106 believes the ACF is an ecosystem, and all parts of a management plan are important, such  
107 as the wildlife stewardship plan, a preservation plan, forestry management plan, as well  
108 as the trails plan, each part affects the other. Preston believes they are making progress on  
109 an entire management plan that would drive the trails plan, and he reiterated that they do  
110 have a current management plan. Elliott stated that any new trails cannot be approved  
111 unless the entire management plan is revised and approved; he added that the wildlife  
112 plan is only a concept. He feels that a new management plan should drive a trail concept  
113 plan. Wood said he understands why the Trails committee is frustrated because the trails  
114 plan still isn't completed after more than 6 years. Hill concurs and understands that a  
115 deadline might help move things along, balancing everyone's interests is important.  
116 Wood suggested revisiting this with the ACF committee to present a draft plan at the  
117 June 2 Selectboard. Pratt asked if all ACF committees should make their comments  
118 before the June 2 meeting. Wolaver cautioned that the management plan spans over 20  
119 pages and will take time to go through.

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122 **Consideration of approval of the request to close of a portion of Cochran Rd. on**  
123 **Saturday, May 17, 2025, for the Children's Bike Ride portion of the Richard's Ride**  
124 **event**

125 Timestamp: 0:39

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128 [Ride Select Board Request.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2025/02/3e_Richards_Ride_Select_Board_Request.pdf)

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130 People who participated in discussion: Hill, Ciancola, Ward

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132 Ward explained that they only need the road closed between 11:00a to 1:00p. Hill asked  
133 about previous years and Ward answered that this event has happened for eight years and  
134 everyone who live on Cochran Road are notified in advance, and the Police help for  
135 safety and to close the road. Around 200 people participate in the event. It's their biggest  
136 fundraiser of the year.

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138 *Wood moved to approve the closure of Cochran's Rd., from Cochran's Ski Area to*  
139 *Dugway Rd., from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, on Saturday May 17, 2025, for the Children's*  
140 *Bike Ride portion of the Richard's Ride event. Hill seconded.*

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

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144 **Consideration of setting a date for a public hearing for amendments to the Flood**  
145 **Hazard Overlay District in the Richmond Zoning Regulations**

146 Timestamp: 0:44

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157 People who participated in discussion: Osborne, Arneson, Miller, Wood

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159 Osborne stated that he is trying to set a date for a public hearing by the Selectboard to  
160 move park equipment down on Volunteer's Green. Wood wondered how long the  
161 meeting would take, to which Osborne replied perhaps 30 minutes. Miller said nothing  
162 new is really being discussed so it should be pretty straight forward.

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165 *Wood moved to hold a Public Hearing for amendments to the Flood Hazard Overlay*  
166 *District in the Richmond Zoning Regulations on April 7, 2025, at 7pm. Miller seconded.*  
167 *Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.*

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170 **Consideration of appointing a Selectboard Member to serve on the subcommittee**  
171 **for the development of the Town Plan**

172 Timestamp: 0:47

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174 People who participated in discussion: Sander, Osborne, Hill, Wood

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176 Osborne continued that he is trying to create a steering committee that would oversee the  
177 Town Plan, and he thinks it is important that a Selectboard member would serve on such  
178 a committee. Hill said after Town Meeting Day the Selectboard members may be  
179 different, so perhaps this decision should be pushed until after Town Meeting Day. Wood  
180 agrees that someone from the Selectboard should serve on this subcommittee.

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183 **Follow up on complaint of ethics violation**

184 Timestamp: 0:52

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190 [from State.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2025/02/3h2_response_from_State.pdf)

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192 People who participated in discussion: Arneson, Hill, Wood, Sander, Miller, Sander,  
193 Holt, Parisi, Chelsye

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195 Arneson summarized what transpired at the previous meeting regarding a DRB ethics  
196 violation complaint. Since then, he reached out to the Vermont State Ethics Commission  
197 and the Town's attorney regarding this. The State felt that the question of recusal doesn't  
198 center on the definition of an official act, the question is whether the official has a direct  
199 or indirect interest in the outcome of a particular matter pending before the officer on the

200 officer's public body. If so, then recusal must be complete. Complete means that the  
201 official has no further involvement in the issue, which would include even informal  
202 conversations about the issue with the remaining decision makers. The Town's attorney  
203 agreed that this had not been a formal proceeding. Miller concurs this makes it not an  
204 official act. Hill stated that the Vermont State Ethics Commission is quoting Statewide  
205 Municipal codes that went in effect Jan 1, 2025, and this complaint is from December  
206 2024. Miller said moving forward all discussions at the DRB need to require members to  
207 be more open about any sort of conflict of interest. Wood said conflict of interest can be  
208 interpreted differently by different people, it's important to be transparent and mention at  
209 the beginning of any meeting if there MAY be a conflict of interest. Sander said even if a  
210 small conflict of interest may exist it should be mentioned and discussed. Parisi claims he  
211 did have his hand-up during the DRB meeting in question and mentioned his possible  
212 conflict of interest. Holt suggested that training regarding ethics and conflict of interest  
213 should be completed by all people serving on committees as well as Town employees. He  
214 continues to state that Parisi had a hidden, undisclosed interest and he feels the video and  
215 the meeting minutes are conflicting; he added that the Selectboard needs to think about  
216 what sort of message they are sending with their decisions. Miller pushed back and said  
217 that people are allowed to see the video or read the minutes and make their own  
218 judgments, that no meeting minutes will be 100% correct. Hill thinks holding committee  
219 members accountable is wise and the State training which is available online is a good  
220 idea. Wood concurs and wants to make the ethics training mandatory; it's a 45 min  
221 training online. Chelsye appreciates the conversation but wants a more definitive decision  
222 and action by the Selectboard. Wood was curious as to what exact action she was looking  
223 for from the Selectboard. Hill stated that writing specific rules for all boards and  
224 commissions in the Town would be impossible. Miller commented that most people who  
225 do unethical things stand to benefit from it. Wagg said she has been filming meetings for  
226 a long time and has seen people recuse themselves quite often in other meetings.

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### 229 **Consideration of setting a hearing date for the FY26 Capital Plan**

230 Timestamp: 1:31

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235 People who participated in discussion: Arneson, Miller, Wood

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237 Arneson stated this has been discussed previously. Miller wanted to know how long the  
238 meeting needs to be warned to which Arneson said 15 days. Arneson thinks it will take  
239 an hour or more. Wood asked about removing Engine1 for the Fire Dept's budget, which  
240 Bona pointed out is currently not on FY26 budget. Wood said the Fire Dept sorely needs  
241 a jaw of life. Filkins likes where the budget discussion ended last time.

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244 *Wood moved to set a hearing date of Monday, March 17, 2025, for the FY26 Capital*  
245 *Plan. Miller seconded.*

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

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249 **Review of requests by Town Center tenants to renew their lease**

250 Timestamp: 1:38

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People who participated in discussion: Hill, Arneson, Wood

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283 Hill asked for some changes to be made to the leases. Wood asked what happens when  
284 the Town Center is ready for renovations, to which Arneson speculated that then renters  
285 would need to be warned to move out. Arneson will make adjustments and bring this  
286 back at the next meeting.

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289 **Consideration of reducing the number of members on the Town Center and Library**  
290 **Buildings Committee**

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Timestamp: 1:41

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293 People who participated in discussion: Wood

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295 Wood said it's supposed to be a committee of 7 members, but they have only filled five  
296 of the seats for quite some time, with no new interest.

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298 *Hill moved to reduce the size of the Town Center and Library Buildings Committee from*  
299 *seven members to five members. Miller seconded.*

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

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303 **Consideration of approving liquor licenses**

304 Timestamp: 1:44

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People who participated in discussion: Sander, Miller

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315 Miller said the Mobil station is quite successful and access to pumps and parking is getting quite full.

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*Wood moved to approve an Outside Consumption Permit, a First-Class Liquor License, and a Third-Class Liquor License for LJM Enterprises Inc. D.B.A. Papa McKee's Pizza. Hill seconded.*

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

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*Wood moved to approve a Second-Class Liquor License for Summit Stores LLC, D.B.A. The Barn North / Mobil Station. Hill seconded.*

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

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**Consideration of approving the 2025 Certificate of Highway Mileage**

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People who participated in the discussion: Arneson

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Arneson said this is something we do anyway, but Route 2 gains 0.033 miles because of the new bridge. This has to be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> February. This doesn't affect State funding for roads.

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*Hill moved to approve the 2025 Certificate of Highway Mileage. Wood seconded.*

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

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**Update regarding posting roads in spring**

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Timestamp: 1:53

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People who participated in the discussion: Sander

A letter from the State of Vermont regarding posting roads to overweight trucks during mud season has been received. It states that the rule must be filed with the Selectboard and posted in two public places.

**Consideration of approving changes to the Discretionary Funding Policy**

Timestamp: 1:54

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People who participated in the discussion: Arneson, Hill

Arneson said this has been discussed before and he displayed the suggested changes. Hill believes agencies receiving funding should be required to report what the money will be or was used for. Arneson will make those changes.

**Consideration of approving the Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending for the 2024 Grand List**

Timestamp: 1:57

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People who participated in the discussion: Arneson

The Assessor has completed the Grand list for 2024. Arneson suspects some property values may change or be appealed in 2025 due to the 2024 flood.

*Hill moved to certify that there are no appeals or suits pending related to the April 1, 2024 Grand List. Miller seconded.*

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

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

Timestamp: 1:59

**Minutes:**

*Miller moved to approve the draft Minutes of Selectboard on 02/03/25 as presented. Hill seconded.*

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



399 *Miller moved to approve the draft Minutes of Selectboard on 02/08/25 as presented. Hill*  
400 *seconded.*

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

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403 *Miller moved to approve the draft Minutes of Selectboard on 02/10/25 as presented. Hill*  
404 *seconded.*

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

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#### 408 **Purchase Order Motions**

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410 *Wood moved to approve purchase order number 4913 to Mount Mansfield Unified Union*  
411 *School District in the amount of \$2,201,760.72 for education taxes. Miller seconded.*

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

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#### 414 **Warrants:**

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416 *Hill moved to approve the Warrants as presented. Wood seconded.*

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

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#### 419 **Items for next Agenda**

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421 Discretionary spending

422 Ethics policy

423 Rental agreements for Town Center

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#### 425 **Executive Sessions**

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#### 427 **Update on Police Department hiring**

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429 *Hill moved to find that premature public knowledge about police department hiring*  
430 *would cause the Town or the person to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Wood*  
431 *seconded.*

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

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435 *Hill moved that we enter into executive session to discuss police department hiring under*  
436 *the provisions of 1 VSA 313(a)(3) of the Vermont Statutes and to invite Town Manager*  
437 *Josh Arneson into the executive session. Wood seconded.*

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

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440 *Hill moved to exit Executive Session. Miller seconded.*

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

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#### 444 **Discussion of personnel issue**

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446 *Hill moved to find that premature knowledge about a personnel issue would cause the*  
447 *Town or person to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Miller seconded.*

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

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451 *Hill moved that we enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue under the*  
452 *provision of 1 VSA 313(a)(3) of the Vermont Statutes and to invite Town Manager Josh*  
453 *Arneson into the executive session. Miller seconded.*

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

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456 *Hill moved to exit Executive Session. Miller seconded.*

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

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#### 460 **Evaluation of a public officer**

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463 *Hill moved to find that premature knowledge about the evaluation of a public officer*  
464 *would cause the Town or person to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Wood seconded.*

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

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468 *Hill moved that we enter into executive session to discuss the evaluation of a public*  
469 *officer under the provision of 1 VSA 313(a)(3) of the Vermont Statutes and to invite Town*  
470 *Manager Josh Arneson into the executive session. Miller seconded.*

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

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474 *Hill moved to exit Executive Session. Miller seconded.*

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

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#### 478 **Adjourn**

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480 *Miller moved to adjourn. Hill seconded.*

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

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484 **Meeting adjourned at: 10:44 pm**

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#### 487 **Chat file from Zoom:**

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489 00:03:56 matthew parisi: I would if possible thanks

490 00:04:54 morganwolaver: This is Melissa Wolaver using Morgan's computer  
491 for the attendance

492 00:13:11 Linda Parent: there will be a town meeting at 10 am on town mtg day.

493 00:21:59 morganwolaver: Our committee did not take a vote on which way to  
494 proceed

495 01:03:09 Chelsye's iPhone: Those are ministerial acts.

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497 Also it is written to be behind other members in the community.

498 01:04:50 Chelsye's iPhone: It isn't the responsibility of the residents of  
499 Richmond to police for this either.

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501 I think it's important to recognize that those who should understand and adhere to it most  
502 are members of board and committees.

503 01:40:16 Caitlin Filkins: I think where we landed on the trucks, with the  
504 information we have today, was good for this year for this budget approval.

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