1	Town of Richmond
2	Selectboard Meeting
3	Minutes of March 3, 2025
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5 6	Members Present: Bard Hill, Adam Wood, Jay Furr, David Sander, Lisa Miller
7 8	Absent: None
9 10 11	<b>Staff Present:</b> Town Manager Josh Arneson; Assistant to the Town Manager Duncan Wardwell.
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	<b>Others Present:</b> MMCTV Erin Wagg, Terry Purcell, Operational Section Supervisor, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Watershed Management Division, Stormwater Program, June Heston, Caity Filkins, Patty Brushett, Mairead O'Reilly, Debbie, Robin P, Jane D, Darren Kennedy, Jean Haskins, JP, Debbie, Brent, Clint Buxton, iPad(2), Roger Knakal, Jeff Forward, Terry Purcell, Mary Harrison, Karen Yaggy, Uphil, Molly Lawney, JJ, John Klesch, Waficfaour, Alexis Lathem, mlw iPad 10 <sup>th</sup> Gen, Gretchen Paulsen, Dorian Evans, Martha waterman, Emily Mitchell, Brendan Filkins, Reid Webster, 16039913302, Danielle Beadoin, Nick, Guest, iPhone de Carmelo, Andres Torizzo Watershed Consulting, Anna Sherman Watershed Consulting, Douglas Thompson, Paige Kaleita.
23 24 25 26	MMCTV Video: Recorded by MMCTV by Erin Wagg https://youtu.be/p4q-WsYmW9k?si=CYyS1F89b8OT8XkG
20 27 28	Call to Order: 7:01 pm
20 29 30	Welcome by: Sander
31 32 33 34	<b>Public Comment:</b> This was Lisa Miller's last Selectboard meeting. She was thanked for her service and she in turn stated that she learned a lot about Richmond. Furr warned about flooding and warm weather coming this week.
35 36	Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present
37 38 39	<b>Reminder of Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2025</b> Timestamp: 0:03
40 41 42	https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2025/02/3a1_town_w arning_Jan_2025_signed.pdf
43 44	https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2025/02/3a2_Link_to Information_for_Town_Meeting.pdf
45 46 47 48	People who participated in discussion: Sander

49 50 51 52 53	Sander reminded everyone that this year's Budget is voted on by Australia ballot and that in person voting will be at the Camels Hump Middle School on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 7am - 7pm.
54 55 56	<b>Update on Police Department hiring, possible executive session</b> Timestamp: 0:03
57 58	People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson
59 60 61 62	Furr moved to find that premature public knowledge about police department hiring would cause the Town or the person to suffer a substantial disadvantage. Hill seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood, Furr in favor. Motion approved.
63 64 65 66	Furr moved that we enter into executive session to discuss police department hiring under the provisions of 1 VSA 313(a)(3) of the Vermont Statutes and to invite Town Manager Josh Arneson and Town Attorney John Klesch into the executive session. Hill seconded.
67 68	Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander, Furr, Wood in favor. Motion approved.
69 70 71	Furr moved to exit Executive Session. Wodd seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Furr Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.
72 73 74 75 76	Arneson stated after the executive session that the Town of Richmond will not be going forward with the Police Department hiring. He will not make any comments about this matter as this is a personnel matter.
77	Consideration of approving a vendor and funding source for an electronic access
78 79 80	control system for doors at the Town Center Timestamp: 0:34
81 82 83	https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2025/02/3c1_DoorSec uritySummary02-27-25.pdf
84 85 86	https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2025/02/3c2_MEI_Bi d_Proposal_v3.pdf
87 88 89 90	https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Selectboard/Meetings/2025/02/3c3_Richmo nd_Town_Offices_Access_ControlSurveillance_Plans_6NOV24-ITB_R2.pdf
91 92	People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson, Wardwell, Furr
93 94 95 96 97 98	Arneson said this is for a keyless entry system and then he gave the word to Wardwell. Wardwell explained that they have gone through the RFP process and after considering several options, he thinks this is the best one for the Town Center. He said this is the most reasonable option. Furr explained that the Town Center is accessed by keys now and the locks have not been changed in an exceptionally long time, he believes this keyless system gives the option to restrict access as well as allow access to certain rooms and not

99	to others for some of the renters. Sander said keys can be lost or replicated. Wardwell
100	said this is a more transparent way to keep track of comings and goings in the building,
101	and that access can be restricted. Wood wondered if this should be sent to the Library
102	Committee for review since it will come from their budget. Arneson stated that the yearly
103	fee is \$1750 per year to keep the system in the cloud. Wardwell said the software was the
104	least of his worries, installation will be more of a challenge.
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106	Furr moved to enter into an agreement with MEI Electrical Contractors for an electronic
107	access control system for doors at the Town Center in an amount not to exceed \$41,500
108	paid for with funds from the Town Center and Library Reserve Fund. Hill seconded.
109	Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander, Furr, Wood in favor. Motion approved.
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112	Consideration of making an appointment to the Housing Committee
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118	People who participated in discussion: O'Reilly, Wood
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120	O'Reilly has applied for the open Seat on the Housing Committee. She moved to
121	Richmond in 2023 and is a mom staying at home with her son presently. She is educated
122	as a lawyer and has been interested in housing for some time. She thinks housing is the
123	cornerstone to every healthy community. Wood thanked her for her willingness to run.
124	She was asked if she wanted the alternate seat or the full seat, to which O'Reilly replied,
125	"the full seat."
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127	Hill moved to appoint Mairead O'Reilly to a full seat on the Housing Committee with a
128	term expiring in 2026. Wood seconded.
129	Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander, Furr, Wood in favor. Motion approved.
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132	Update from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation on Notice of
133	Intent for the Southview Stormwater Permit
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145 146	People who participated in discussion: Arneson, Purcell, Hill, Kaleita, Furr, Heston
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148	Arneson explained that the current NOI is incomplete. Another topic is whether the Town				
149	should oversee the Stormwater permit on behalf of residents of Southview because there				
150	is no HOA. Purcell said there may be an extension on due dates out to 2028. Purcell				
151	added that there are liabilities related to municipalities taking full legal control over				
152	Stormwater permits. Hill stated that discussions have focused on hiring engineers to				
153	know the impact on private property owners and to understand which properties are				
154	affected, furthermore how much the Town's share is, based on the impervious road				
155	surfaces. Purcell said there are 17 or 18 orphaned sites throughout VT and legislative				
156	changes may occur that affect those sites. Hill added that a formula needs to be created to				
157	determine how much should be billed to the homeowners. Kaleita wanted to know how				
158	this would be a benefit to her, which the Board said there is none presently. Hill said that				
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160	private properties and public areas need to be separated and what is total cost for the				
	project. Furr said this will never be fair. Purcell stated that engineering design will be				
161	important in terms of determining dollar amounts. Heston wanted to know if VLTC has				
162	been contacted, because there are still a lot of questions around the definition of "3-acre				
163	rule." Arneson said he can reach out to VLTC again.				
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166	Update from Watershed Consulting on the progress of the engineering for the				
167	Southview Stormwater Permit				
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180 181	People who participated in discussion: Arneson, Torizzo, Hill, Kaleita, Sherman, Miller				
182	Torizzo from Watershed Consulting has a website talking about the background of the 3-				
183	acre watershed rule. He showed a PPT and talked about what they have considered when				
184	looking at the boundary for the Southview Stormwater Program. The total jurisdictional				
185	acreage is 10.35 acres and the Town's roads are 3.75 acres of that, while 6.6 acres is				
186	privately owned. Hill stated that means around 60% is privately owned. Torizzo added				
187	that the soil composition is important, which they have studied, because the better the soil				
188	the cheaper it is to manage stormwater. He said the soils in some areas is particularly				
189	good. Running stormwater water through grassy areas is one way to treat stormwater				
190	cheaply. Miller wanted to know about how much water are we talking about, and Torizzo				
191	answered "around $\frac{1}{2}$ inch an hour, which becomes tens of thousands of gallons of water				
192	in total." Many areas are already compliant because there is enough grassy area. Once the				
193	snow melts Watershed Consulting will go through and see how many sites are already				
194	filtering the water. Kaleita asked if she still will have to pay for the permit if her property				
195	has natural treatment areas in place. Sherman added that rain barrels are a great thing to				
196	implement. Hill asked if someone's driveway is less than 10 feet is it considered				
197	compliant. Torizzo stated that shortening or reducing an impervious area is an easy way				

198 199	to become compliant, like shortening a driveway. Arneson showed where on the Town's website this topic is presented. Torizzo added that there is a survey for homeowners to			
200	take. Miller asked compared to other areas, how does the Southview area look to Torizzo.			
201	He replied that the soil is great which is a positive, but it's a very steep area which is a			
202	negative.			
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205	Consideration of approving a vendor to renew Stormwater permit, 6117-9010.R -			
206	Farr Commercial Complex and High Meadows Condominiums			
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216	People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson			
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218	Arneson mentioned that the permit renewal for smaller areas in Town is much cheaper to			
219	renew, which applies to these two complexes.			
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221	Furr moved to approve entering into an agreement with Watershed Consulting to provide			
222	the engineering services necessary to renew the Farr Commercial Complex and High			
223	Meadows Condominiums Stormwater permit 6117-9010.R at an amount not to exceed			
224	\$3,500. Hill seconded.			
225	<i>Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander, Furr, Wood in favor. Motion approved.</i>			
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228	Consideration of approving a liquor license			
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235	People who participated in discussion: Sander			
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230	Stones Throw Pizza has applied for a First Class Liquor License and an Outdoor			
238	Consumption Permit.			
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240	Hill moved to approve a First Class Liquor License and an Outdoor Consumption Permit			
241	for Pine Marten LLC. Doing business as Stones Throw Pizza. Wood seconded.			
242	Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Sander, Furr, Wood in favor. Motion approved.			
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245	Update on structure of Community Justice Centers in Chittenden County			
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255	People who participated in discussion: Arneson, Furr, Hill, Haskins, Brushett, Paulsen			
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257	Arneson described that a letter from the Office of the Attorney General regarding funding			
258	and structure for Community Justice Centers in Chittenden County was received, which			
259	said: "For FY 2026, the AGO will award grants to all four CJCs for pre-charge Diversion			
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261	in Chittenden County, provided the Legislature appropriates funds for this work. During			
	FY 2026, we will work with representatives of your municipalities and Burlington to			
262	ensure a transition to one grantee the following year." Arneson said this is a way to keep			
263	things status quo for a year. Furr is upset because he has experienced whenever			
264	countywide services are headquartered in Burlington, they only serve Burlington and not			
265	outlying areas. He has emailed people about this issue but has not heard back. Hill thinks			
266	it's important that Richmond continue to have access to these services. Haskins wants to			
267	know how many people in Richmond receive services from CJC and wants that posted on			
268	the Town's website. She also wanted to know why Richmond was giving so much more			
269	money than Hinesburg to this. To which Arneson explained that this was because			
270	Richmond had not given any funds to CJC in previous years. Brushett mentioned that this			
271	is a wonderful service and 80% of people who go through the CJC services are very			
272	satisfied. Paulsen concurred that it's important that people in Richmond don't get pushed			
273	aside from these services because it's located in Burlington.			
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276	Consideration of approving the 2025 Certificate of Highway Mileage			
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283	People who participated in discussion: Arneson			
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285	Arneson said this is an updated certificate due to an error on the previous certificate.			
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287	Furr moved to approve the 2025 Certificate of Highway Mileage. This approval replaced			
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	the incomplete certificate that was approved at the February 18, 2025 meeting. Hill			
289	seconded.			
290	Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Wood, Furr, Sander in favor. Motion approved.			
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293	Consideration of adopting Highway codes and standards			
294	Timestamp: 2:10			
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297	own Revised 2019 Codes and Standards - ready to be signed.pdf			
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300	People who participated in discussion: Arneson				
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302	Arneson said that Jim Cota from VTrans recently reached out to ask us to update sec				
303	5 on the Certificate of Adoption of Town Road and Bridge Standards.				
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306	Hill moved to adopt the Town Road and Bridge Standards as presented. Miller seconded.				
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310	Consideration of approving changes to the Discretionary Funding Policy				
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317	People who participated in discussion: Sander, Arneson				
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319	Arneson showed some changes made (in red) in this document from previous discussions				
320	regarding this policy.				
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322	Hill moved to approve the amended Discretionary Funding Policy as presented. Wood				
323	seconded.				
324	Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Furr, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.				
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327	Consideration of approving Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan application for				
328	planning for flood resiliency of the wastewater pump station and force main				
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332	WSRF Funding Application -				
333	Bridge Street PS Step I Feb 25 2025 FINAL DRAFT.pdf				
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335	People who participated in the discussion: Sander, Arneson				
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337	Arneson elaborated that this is for the Wastewater department, but the Selectboard has				
338	borrowing authority for the Town, thus the power to submit the loan application. If for				
339	some reason this is not funded at 100% it will be paid back by the Wastewater				
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340 341	department, not the taxpayers.				
	Miller moved to submit the Clean Water State Powelving Fund loan application for				
342	Miller moved to submit the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan application for planning for flood regilization of the Wastewater pump station and force main Wood				
343	planning for flood resiliency of the Wastewater pump station and force main. Wood				
344	seconded. Poll Call Votes Fum Hill Miller Sander Wood in favor Motion approved				
345 346	Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.				
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348	Approval of Minutes, Warrants and Purchase Orders
349 350	Timestamp: 2:19
351 352	Minutes:
353 354	Hill moved to approve the draft Minutes of Selectboard on 02/18/25 as presented. Wood seconded.
355 356	Roll Call Vote: Hill, Furr, Miller, Wood, Sander in favor. Motion approved.
357 358	Hill moved to approve the draft Minutes of the Special Selectboard on 02/24/25 as presented. Wood seconded.
359 360	Roll Call Vote: Hill, Wood, Sander in favor. Furr and Miller abstain. Motion approved.
361 362	Hill moved to approve the draft Minutes of the Informational Selectboard on 02/24/25 as presented. Wood seconded.
363 364	Roll Call Vote: Hill, Wood, Furr Sander in favor. Miller abstains. Motion approved.
365 366	Purchase Order Motions
367 368 369	Hill moved to approve purchase order number 5079 to Watershed Consulting Associates LLC for Engineering for the Southview 3-Acre Stormwater Permit in the amount of \$32,600. Wood seconded.
370 371	Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.
372 373 374	Hill moved to approve purchase number 5221 to the Hinesburg Police Department for police coverage in November 2024 in the amount of \$29,137.50. Wood seconded. Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.
375 376 377 378	Miller moved to approve purchase order number 5222 to the Hinesburg Police Department for police coverage in December 2024 in the amount of \$32,210.00. Wood seconded.
379 380	Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.
381 382 383	Wood moved to approve purchase order number 5230 to the Hinesburg Police Department for police coverage in January 2025 in the amount of \$24,790.00. Miller seconded.
384 385	Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Miller, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.
386 387	Warrants:
388 389 390	Hill moved to approve the Warrants as presented. Miller seconded. Roll Call Vote: Hill, Miller, Furr, Sander, Wood in favor. Motion approved.
391 392	Items for next Agenda
393 394	New selectboard member swearing in and reorganization Recap Town meeting
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399	Adjourn	
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401	Furr moved	to adjourn. Hill seconded.
402	Roll Call Ve	ote: Furr abstain. Hill, Miller, Sander, Furr, Wood in favor. Motion
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406	Meeting ad	l <b>journed at:</b> 9:34 pm
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409	Chat file fr	om Zoom:
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411	00:11:41	Duncan Wardwell: mute yourself please
412	00:43:33	Patty Brushett: What is the cost per year
413	00:45:24	Patty Brushett: Seems like a lot of money. Have we had a problem?
414	00:46:50	Jean Haskin: Agree with Patty
415	00:51:31	Patty Brushett: Wow! We are so lucky
416	00:52:54	Patty Brushett: Thank you Mairead
417	01:58:10	gretchen paulsen: I agree with Jay on his thoughts with CJC.
418	02:07:28	Molly Lawney, she/they: Thank you for all this context, Patty. I
419	whole-heart	edly agree with you and with Jay.
420	02:11:27	Alexis Lathem: I agree with Patty and Gretchen. Thank you.
421	02:34:43	MMCTV Erin Wagg: Thank You Lisa !
422 423	02:34:57	Caitlin Filkins: Reacted to "Thank You Lisa !" with 💍