

1 **Town of Richmond**
2 **Meeting of Water and Sewer Commission**
3 **Minutes of June 3, 2024**
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5 **Members Present:** Bard Hill, David Sander, Erin Farr, Jay Furr, Morgan Wolaver
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7 **Members Absent:** None
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9 **Staff Present:** Josh Arneson, Town Manager; Duncan Wardwell, Assistant to the Town
10 Manager; Steve Cote, Water Resources
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12 **Others Present:** The meeting was recorded for MMCTV, Denise Barnard
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14 **MMCTV Video:** https://youtu.be/-Xzm5mEmZP8?si=k6P_WptNztkq4B7s
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16 **Call to Order: 6:00 pm**
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18 **Welcome:** Wolaver
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20 **Public Comment:** None
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22 **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:** None
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24 **Approval of Minutes, Warrants and Purchase Orders**
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26 **Minutes:**
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28 *Hill moved to approve the Minutes of 5/20/24 meeting as presented. Farr seconded.*

29 *Roll Call Vote: Farr, Furr, Hill, Wolaver. Sander absent. Motion approved.*
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31 *Hill moved to approve the Minutes of 5/21/24 meeting as presented. Farr seconded.*

32 *Roll Call Vote: Farr, Furr, Hill, Wolaver. Sander absent. Motion approved.*
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34 **Purchase Orders:** None
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36 **Warrants:**
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38 *Hill moved to approve the 6/3/24 Warrants as presented. Farr seconded.*

39 *Roll Call Vote: Farr, Furr, Hill, Wolaver in favor. Sander absent. Motion approved.*
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41 **Items for Presentation or Discussion with those present**
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43 **Review of Consumer Confidence Report**

44 Timestamp: 0:05

45 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/0](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/05/4a_VT0005084_CCR_2023_for_mailing.pdf)
46 [5/4a_VT0005084_CCR_2023_for_mailing.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/05/4a_VT0005084_CCR_2023_for_mailing.pdf)
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48 People who participated in discussion: Wolaver, Arneson, Cote, Furr, Hill
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50 Cote reviewed that they did have one violation in March of last year. Arneson
51 summarized that the Consumer Confidence Report summarizes year-long numbers. Cote
52 confirmed that this is a State form and that it's not explaining very well to the public the
53 Detected Contaminants. Cote stated that they used to test for PFAS every three years but
54 is now becoming a yearly or bi-yearly thing. Cotes stated that lead and copper testing is
55 due for this year. Cote confirmed that they are following all of the testing requirements
56 that the State sets forward. Cote confirmed that the pH of the water is monitored and
57 required to be between a 7-7.5 and the water that comes out of the ground is a slightly
58 acidic 6.3. Cote stated they are the only municipality using fine bubble filtration in the
59 State to raise their pH.

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61 **Review of applicants to the Water and Sewer Commission and consideration of a**
62 **recommendation to the Selectboard**

63 Timestamp: 0:17

64 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/0](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/05/4b1_Letter_to_Serve_on_W_S_Commission_20232024.pdf)
65 [5/4b1 Letter to Serve on W S Commission 20232024.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/05/4b1_Letter_to_Serve_on_W_S_Commission_20232024.pdf)

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68 [5/4b2 Water and Sewer Commission Erin Farr.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/05/4b2_Water_and_Sewer_Commission_Erin_Farr.pdf)

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70 People who participated in discussion: Wolaver, Furr, Hill

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72 *Furr move to recommend to the Selectboard the Morgan Wolaver be appointed to the*
73 *Water and Sewer Commission. Hill seconded.*

74 *Roll Call Vote: Farr, Furr, Hill in favor. Wolaver abstains. Sander absent. Motion*
75 *approved.*

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77 *Furr move to recommend to the Selectboard the Morgan Wolaver and Erin Farr be*
78 *appointed to the Water and Sewer Commission. Hill seconded.*

79 *Roll Call Vote: Furr, Hill, Wolaver in favor. Farr abstains. Sander absent. Motion*
80 *approved.*

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82 **Update on ARPA funds**

83 Timestamp: 0:18

84 [https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/0](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/05/4c_ARPA_Committments_as_of_5-23-24.pdf)
85 [5/4c ARPA Committments as of 5-23-24.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/05/4c_ARPA_Committments_as_of_5-23-24.pdf)

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88 [6/4c ARPA Committments as of 6-3-24.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/06/4c_ARPA_Committments_as_of_6-3-24.pdf)

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90 People who participated in discussion: Wolaver, Arneson, Furr, Farr, Hill

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92 Arneson summarized the current state of the ARPA funds and the CDs purchased by the
93 Selectboard. Furr summarized that the ARPA Committee wanted the money to benefit
94 the whole Town and not just the members of Water and Sewer District.

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96 **Update on influent pump purchase process**

97 Timestamp: 0:26

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99 People who participated in discussion: Wolaver, Arneson, Cote, Hill

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101 Arneson summarized that Hoyle Tanner is moving forward with finalizing the design so
102 they can go out to bid to purchase the pump. Arneson estimated that it would be
103 \$150,000 which includes engineering design and installation.

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105 **Update on Service Line Inventory**

106 Timestamp: 0:33

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108 People who participated in discussion: Wolaver, Cote, Arneson, Farr, Hill

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110 Cote stated that service line inventory is pretty much completed and when they start
111 installing meters, they will take photos of the service lines coming in therefore making
112 the process easier in the future. Hill reviewed that the Tilden Ave line replacement should
113 cross reference who is due to upgrade their service line and then notify them.

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115 **Consideration of changing the rate for sale of water from the Water Resources**

116 **Department Hydrant**

117 Timestamp: 0:37

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119 [5/4f_FY25_Water_and_Wastewater_Rates_Final_Approved_and_Signed.pdf](https://www.richmondvt.gov/fileadmin/files/Water_Sewer_Commission/Meetings/2024/05/4f_FY25_Water_and_Wastewater_Rates_Final_Approved_and_Signed.pdf)

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121 People who participated in discussion: Wolaver, Cote, Arneson, Hill, Farr

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123 Cote reviewed how they currently sell water at \$15 for 1000 gallons or \$5 a flat fee. Hill
124 stated that they should not be charging the intermittent user less than any of the standard
125 users. Wolaver stated that they need to be empathetic towards people's needs but also to
126 the time an employee spends getting them connected.

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128 *Farr moved to the rate for sale of water from the hydrant to \$25 per 1000 gallons. Hill*
129 *seconded.*

130 *Roll Call Vote: Farr, Furr, Hill, Sander, Wolaver in favor. Motion approved.*

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132 **Superintendent's Report**

133 Timestamp: 0:47

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135 People who participated in discussion: Wolaver, Cote, Hill, Arneson, Farr

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137 Cote summarized that the plant is running very well, and they took 89,900 gallons of
138 septage in one day. Cote reviewed some issues with different pieces of equipment and
139 current inventory. Cote summarized a vendor that could barcode inventory and provide
140 maintenance records.

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142 Cote reviewed that the State values Richmond's dewatering of septage so it angered hjim
143 when the State said they would like to see an independent company with its own
144 dewatering plant near the interstate.

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148 **Update on water tank**

149 Timestamp: 0:56

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151 People who participated in discussion: Wolaver, Arneson

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153 Arneson reviewed that at the next meeting they will have time to review some video.

154 Arneson also stated that VLCT thought a tank specialist could do an independent review.

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156 **Discuss Items for Next Agenda:**

157 *Update on Water Tank

158 *Dewatering plant

159 *Gateway

160 *Regional Planning Grant

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162 **Adjournment**

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164 *Farr moved to adjourn. Hill seconded.*

165 *Roll Call Vote: Farr, Furr, Hill, Sander, Wolaver in favor. Motion approved.*

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167 Meeting adjourned at: 6:56 pm

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169 **Chat file from Zoom:**

170 00:37:46 MMCTV Erin: Mmctv plug for new meter signup?

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