

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Zoom Only

December 27, 2023 6:00 PM

Present: Alan Hanson, Roger Manzolini, Neal Pilson, Danielle Fillio

1. Award Solar Bid for Town Hall Library Building – Danielle gave a quick overview of the Solar project rebid. There were two qualified bidders this time. The architect sent a letter with their recommendation to hire M.L. Schmitt of Springfield, MA. Caola & Bienek who has been the architects for the new building and drafted with the solar design will remain as a project manager to see this project through. Roger made a motion to award the bid to M.L. Schmitt in the amount of \$164,613.00. Neal seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
2. Discussion Group – Neal stated that the superintendent at the school wanted to create a discussion group to have communication between the School and town on a more frequent basis. She asked for a member of the Finance Committee, the Selectboard, and School Committee. Neal volunteered to be the Selectmen Liaison for the group. Roger thought it was a great idea to have conversations. Al made a motion to approve Neal as the liaison and Danielle Fillio. Roger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
3. Public Comment – None
4. Selectmen Matters – Roger stated that Amazon has the ability to have pick-up bins instead of delivery. He is going to look into getting more information to see if it is a possibility for Richmond to try to limit the number of delivery trucks on the gravel roads during mud season.

Roger also stated that he spoke with the Fire Chief who said the back road does not need to have access for fire emergency services. The parking spot does not need to be blocked off.

The Board briefly talked about the size of the parking lot and the need to get the pathway completed so that overflow parking can happen at the school.

Al noted that West Stockbridge asked them to participate in discussions regarding a potential county-wide study for joint fire departments. There would be a \$10,000 fee for Richmond to participate in the study for Richmond and West Stockbridge. The general consensus of the Board was that the Town did not have the money to be able to participate in the study at this time especially given the borrowing restraints on the Town.

5. Adjournment – 6:39 PM