

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING**Thursday September 19, 2019 – 2:00 PM – Richmond Town Hall, 1529 State Road**

PRESENT: Mr. Roger Manzolini, Chair; Mr. Alan Hanson, Selectman; Mr. Ron Veillette, Conservation Commission; Mr. Peter Beckwith, Highway Superintendent; Ms. Danielle Fillio, Town Administrator

Mr. Manzolini opened the meeting at 2:00 PM.

Swamp Road Resurfacing Project – Award Bid and Vote to Enter into Contract: Mr. Alan Hanson reported on a site visit to Savoy whose roads are mountainous and pretty rough in order to check out the job done on those roads by the HMA Contracting Corp., which was one of two bids received; the one from HMA for \$178,225.00 and one for \$197,897.50 from Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC of Westfield. Mr. Hanson noted that the town of Savoy seemed to be very pleased with the work done by HMA. Mr. Peter Beckwith recommended that the Town reward the contract to the HMA Corp., which was the low bidder.

Given Mr. Hanson's agreement with Mr. Beckwith's recommendation, Mr. Manzolini moved that the contract be awarded to HMA Contracting Corp. in the amount of \$178,225.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hanson and passed by unanimous vote.

Discuss & Vote on the 1st Amendment to the Berkshire Farm Acquisition MOU Between the Town of Richmond and the Richmond Land Trust: Mr. Ron Veillette provided some background. The Conservation Commission had approved the original MOU without any input from their lawyer as they did not wish to hold up the closing. Their understanding was that they would be able to draft an amendment to the MOU, which their lawyer provided. Copies of the amendment were distributed to the group. The amendment modifies paragraph 8 of the original MOU, which the Town had previously voted to accept. The Con. Com. lawyer was concerned that the original wording of paragraph 8 implied that the Town could go out of business, so she rewrote it in terms of dissolution of one of the parties and who gets assignment of responsibility for management of the CR. Mr. Manzolini paraphrased the new wording as follows: "If the Richmond Land Trust goes out of business, they will find somebody equivalent to them that they would recommend to the Board. If the Board does not approve the recommendation, it goes to the Town of Richmond."

Given assurance that his interpretation was correct, Mr. Manzolini moved that the Board accept the amendment as provided. Mr. Hanson needed some further discussion. He asked whether, if the land reverted to the Town, would the Town be able to sell off those parcels. Mr. Hanson was advised that the Town would only own the Conservation Restrictions, the land will belong to BNRC. Having been assured that the CR stands very strongly, Mr. Hanson seconded the motion on the table, which was adopted by unanimous consent.

The document needs to be notarized, which would have to wait until the following day when Mr. Paul Lisi, a Notary Public, would return to the office.

There being no further issues before the Board, Mr. Manzolini moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Manzolini", is written above a horizontal line.

Mr. Roger Manzolini

Chair