

Board of Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Town Hall and Zoom
August 9, 2023

Members Present: Alan Hanson-Chair, Neal Pilson, Roger Manzolini

Others Present: Angela Garrity-Town Clerk, Evan Proper-Richmond Telephone Company

1. Mr. Hanson opened the meeting at 6:00PM. He stated that the minutes from July 12 & July 26 needed to be approved. Mr. Pilson made a motion to approve both sets of minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Manzolini and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

2. One Day Alcohol License and One Day Special Event Permit Camp Russell-Annual Sheriff's Picnic September 9th, 2023, 12-4
Mr. Manzolini made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit, it was seconded by Mr. Hanson and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Mr. Manzolini made a motion to approve the One Day Alcohol License, it was seconded by Mr. Pilson and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

3. Town Center discussion

Vote on Invoices- Mr. Manzolini made a motion to approve the invoice for Dave Tierney Construction of \$201,271.06. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Status of Building- Mr. Manzolini stated the building is almost 85% complete, there is enough monies for the remaining major bills that will be coming in. The only issue is that the Contingency Fund is down to approximately \$40,000. Everything is on track, it is looking great.

4. Yearly Appointments for 2024 : Deferred to the next meeting.

5. Public Comment
Mr. Proper stated that he is from the Richmond Telephone Company and wanted to know if they knew anything about the removal of signs from telephone poles. The RTC has been putting up signs on telephone poles, about the fiber optics that they offer, and the signs have been taken down. Mr. Proper stated that RTC owns 50% of the poles, divided between them and Eversource. The selectmen stated they had no idea who was removing the signs, no one from the staff has been involved. The selectman asked who owns the new poles that Eversource has been putting up, are they owned equally also? Mr. Proper stated he wasn't sure and would try to find that out, the poles are used by Eversource, Spectrum and Richmond Telephone.

6. Town Administrator Updates: None

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Selectmen Matters:

Mr. Manzolini: Short Term Rentals Discussion should be on the next meeting agenda.

Roger spoke with Mr. Morse about doing driveway repair work on his own and told the Board that that he will let him know he can do the repair work on his own driveway but that he needs to avoid doing any work on the town road or that will affect the town road.

A resident asked him about giving surplus electricity credits from his solar credits to the town in exchange for a reduced property tax. The selectman stated that would have to be a discussion with town counsel. He stated he would tell the resident that it will be put on a future agenda.

Mr. Hanson: He asked the other members if they thought there should be a meeting geared toward the homeowners who are not residents. Both Mr. Manzolini and Mr. Pilson stated that all owners are welcome to come to meetings either in person or through zoom, nonresidents are allowed to speak at all meetings, but not vote at Town Meeting. Mr. Manzolini suggested that a statement encouraging all property owners to attend meetings should be put on the Town website.

Mr. Pilson: He asked Mr. Manzolini if the Building Committee has decided on a date for the grand opening celebration for the new Town Building. Mr. Manzolini stated they have not, but he would bring it up at the next meeting.

An update for the appraisal of the town hall should be on the next meeting agenda.

The beach is looking very good this year, no major issues have come up. Residents seem very pleased with the beach and how it has been well maintained this summer.

The discussion about whether to allow the public to speak after each issue on the agenda or to wait until the Public Comment part of the agenda. This is to be a discussion for another meeting after the members give it some thought.

8. Sewer Matters: None

9. Mr. Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pilson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hanson-Chair

Date

Mr. Pilson

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Mr. Manzolini

Date