

Town of Richmond – Selectboard Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2026

1.0 ATTENDANCE

Selectboard Present: Robert Bodge, Andy Alexander, Matt Roberge, Tracy Tuttle, Brian York
Staff: Jim Chandler – TM Chandler, Will Berdan – Transfer Station Manager
Public: Minnie Grizkewitsch, Therese Acord, O’Neil LaPlante

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR January 20, 2026, SELECTBOARD MEETING

M= A. Alexander 2nd = M. Roberge – No Discussion Vote: (4-0-1) T. Tuttle Abstained

4.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.1 Motion to Open the Public Hearing for TIF Districts

M= B. York 2nd = A. Alexander Vote: Unanimously (5-0)

Max Johnstone, MCOG, presented a summary of the proposed TIF District Applications for the two new Four Corners TIF Districts at the Intersections of I-295, and Routes 197 & 201, and the Amended expansion of the existing Downtown TIF District.

Significant discussions ensued with several members of the public asking questions about the details of the proposed districts, particularly how they would benefit the town, and how they would be managed. Questions were raised about how the revenues would be allocated, and accounted for.

See the video for more information and details. Not all the members of the public introduced themselves, so specific comments are not attributed to individuals.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing

M= M. Roberge 2nd = B. York Vote: Unanimously (5-0)

5.0 SELECTBOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS & COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6.0 SELECTBOARD ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Selectboard action to Approve the Warrant for the Creation of the new Four Corners TIF Districts and Amend the Downtown TIF District

M= A. Alexander 2nd = T. Tuttle – Minimal Discussion Vote: Unanimously (5-0)

Discussion confirmed the start time for the upcoming Special Town Meeting was 6:00 PM

6.2 Selectboard action requested to Approve Abatements

M= M. Roberge, 2nd = B. York, No Discussion Vote: Unanimously (5-0)

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT, ORAL/WRITTEN REPORTS & OTHER BUSINESS

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7.1 Public Comments & Questions

Question was asked about why there was a large debris pile of stumps behind the Houdlette Field entrance road?

TM indicated once the snow melts it would be removed.

Mr. LaPlante asked if the seed funding provided by the Town to support the Schools withdrawal from the RSU would be returned to the Town?

Several Selectboard Members expressed doubt that the funds would be repaid to the Town, and no formal request had been made.

7.2 Town Manager Report

Due to the time spent on FY27 Proposed Budget preparations, no report was presented.

7.3 Selectboard Members

Tracy – None.

Matt – None.

Andy – None.

Brian – Asked if the Town has an Ordinance for discharging firearms within the Town? Asked because an email had been sent to the Selectboard Members complaining about the possibility of illegal discharge of weapons behind the Richmond Sporting Club. Andy and the Chair both indicated they had received the email and had reached out to the leadership of the Sportsmen’s club to follow up and make clear this was not to be allowed by their members.

7.4 Boards, Departments & Committee Reports

Minnie mentioned that several members of the Budget Committee had attended a School Finance Committee meeting earlier this evening, and they were awaiting the distribution of the Municipal Budget Books.

TM stated they would be made available asap, and likely in the coming week, so everyone would be able to review them ahead of the first joint meeting on 3/17.

8.0 WARRANT

8.1 Request to Approve Town Warrant

M= T. Tuttle 2nd = M. Roberge – No Discussion Vote: Unanimously (5-0)

9.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 1 M.R.S.A. 405 § 6.A (1) – Personnel Matters

M= A. Alexander 2nd = M. Roberge – To enter Executive Session Vote: Unanimously (5-0)

No action was taken during the executive session.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

M= M. Roberge 2nd = T. Tuttle Vote: Unanimously (5-0)