

**TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN  
SELECT BOARD  
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS--CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

**APRIL 20, 2010**

**Members Present:** Ron Adams, Ray Bunker, Julie Ellis, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley

**Others Present:** Jane Ellis, Neil Robinson, Ann Pelkey, Karen Close, Debbi Bailey, David Nelson, Bob Richards, John Reed, Peg Manley, Anne Savage-Pousaczyk, Richard Eckler, Jack Eaton, Jackie Phillips, Dave Ward, Serena Williams.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The April 20, 2010 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ron Adams, Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ray Bunker made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6 Select Board meeting, second by Julie Ellis. The Chair asked for corrections. Page two, line two and three of the paragraph beginning "PTA" should say "cover up to one half of the total cost, up to \$15,000." Page two, under Police Chief Bill Humphries, it should say he made contact with 99 percent of the merchants. Page two, seventh line from the bottom, VLTC should be VLCT. Page three, under comments by Ron Adams, he asked for an evacuation plan for Town Hall, not the Police Department. The minutes were approved as corrected with a 5-0 vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Dave Nelson**, downtown property and business owner, shared his concern over the impending loss of five parking places as a result of the crosswalk. He estimates the people involved in his businesses use 170 parking spaces each day and the loss of 20 percent of the spaces in town is a big mistake he believes. He thinks it is unfortunate that the downtown business people were unwilling to speak up.

**Karen Close** wondered if the park fence can be painted before Memorial Day. She will head a committee and organize volunteers who will paint the fence. The town will pay for the supplies. It was determined the best paint is the oil based and two coats will be needed. She would like to paint the fence on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Bob Richards** asked if anything was being done to curb spending on the accounts that are overspent and he was told the Town Manager is working on it. He wondered if the specs for the proposed new fire truck were ready. He described what he considered to be an incident of "police harassment" occurring recently.

**Richard Eckler** asked to have on the August ballot the veteran exemption, to increase the amount to \$40,000, per State statutes state, and he wondered why the town employees were given raises when people on Social Security and retirement did not get one. It was explained this is related largely to the Union contract requirements.

**Anni Savage-Pousaczyk** asked for something to be done about dogs running loose. Her

daughter has been bitten twice. Dogs running loose should be picked up and taken away. The Town Manager said she will meet with the Police Chief to discuss this issue. **Neil Robinson** said he believes the Board made the right decision on the crosswalk. He expressed concern over the number of break-ins in town.

#### **APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS-(None)**

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COMMITTEES**

**Jack Eaton, D.P.W.**, reported on the work of his department. He advised fire hydrant flushing will begin June 7 and the park fountain will be put in sometime the month of May.

**Dave Ward, Fire Dept.** Specs for the new fire truck have been finalized. Chair said he will call a special meeting of the Board on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to act on the final fire truck specs.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Liquor License Approval:** Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the Fairwood Lane Again liquor license, second by Raymond Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Town Green Maintenance/Bid openings:** Ten bids were received from persons or companies interested in doing park maintenance. Jeff Sheldon made a motion to award the contract for summer maintenance of the park to Reed's Lawn Care Service for three years at a cost of \$120 per mow, second by Claire Stanley. Mr. Reed was complimented for the work he has done at the park for the past several years. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Basketball/Tennis Court Fence/Bid Opening:** Three bids were received. Julie Ellis made a motion to accept the bid from Vermont Recreational Surfacing & Fencing for \$10,397.00 with the condition of favorable recommendations being received, Jeff Sheldon seconded. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Reappoint-Rutland Regional Planning Commission:** Claire Stanley made a motion to reappoint Bonnie Rosati to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Reappoint Rutland Region Transportation Council:** Claire Stanley made a motion to reappoint Cindy Adams to the Rutland Region Transportation Council, second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Recreation Area-Border Fence/Access:** After July 1, funds will be available for the 250 ft. stockade fence along one side of the recreation area. There was discussion regarding the fact that the fence will severely limit access to the back side of the North Main Street properties above/along the proposed fence line. Property owners will be notified and have 60 days to remove anything they need. Julie Ellis, Claire Stanley and the Town Manager will talk with the people involved.

**South Main Street Road /Spec Approval & Going for Bid:** There was discussion regarding the condition of South Main Street and, as well, other streets. It was agreed they need to consider the condition of all streets and roads and prioritize them for work. Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the South Main Street specs as presented and put them out for bid, second by Ray Bunker. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Matt Thomas/Transfer Station Compost:** Thomas is agreeing to shake/screen the compost pile in exchange for one-half of the compost at the transfer station. Claire Stanley made a motion to have Matt Thomas shake/screen the compost pile for free in exchange for one-half of the end product, second by Ray Bunker. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Ordinance Adoption:** The Ordinances were reviewed by Attorney Bloomer who recommended a few changes in the Disorderly Conduct Ordinance. Ray Bunker made a motion to adopt the following ordinances which were approved by the town attorney:

**Noise in the Night, Drug Paraphernalia, Disturbing the Peace by Phone or Electronics,** second by Julie Ellis. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Claire Stanley made a motion to adopt the **Disorderly Conduct** ordinance with the changes in Article 4 recommended by the town attorney, second by Julie Ellis. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote, Bunker opposed. The Town Manager said the ordinances do not go into effect for 60 days. They will be published in the newspaper and posted in five places around town.

**Water Ordinance/Amendment/Article 6-Adopt:** Julie Ellis moved to adopt the Town of Fair Haven Water Ordinance Amendment - Article 6, second by Jeff Sheldon. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Backflow Prevention Policy:** Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the Backflow Prevention Policy as presented, second by Julie Ellis. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business.

#### **REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS**

Finance Reports were given to the Board for review. The Manager also gave them a special report showing the accounts that are over-budget.

#### **REPORTS OF BOARDS**

**Town Manager Serena Williams** reminded the Board of the Regional Police Meeting the following night at the college in Castleton. On Thursday night the Hydro Committee will meet at Town Hall, 6 p.m. September 18 is the date of the Apple Fest. She has been in contact with the engineering firm who is working with the pellet company planning to locate here, to discuss hooking up to Municipal water and sewer.

#### **SIGNING OF WARRANT**

Claire Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll-\$24,474.68; General Fund-\$55,944.10, second by Julie Ellis. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:42 p.m. Claire Stanley made a motion to adjourn, second by Julie Ellis. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wilma B. Despain

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Claire Stanley, Clerk