

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

MAY 18, 2010

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

Others Present

Richard Frazier, Jane Ellis, Larry Hughes, John Lulek, Steve Fernet, David Ward, Chris Cole, Irene Gradziel, Fred Bova, Neil Robinson, Patrick Frazier, Bob Richards, Gordon Dritschilo, Karen Close, Anni Savage-Prusacyzk, Peg Manley, RoseAnne VanLew, Ken Jones, William Humphries, Jack Eaton, Denny Barrett, Michael Casey.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by the Chair, Ron Adams. Saying first he was bringing up an item not on the agenda, the Chair read into the record a letter from the Board to Karen Close. The letter expressed appreciation to her for her great involvement in, and direction of, the staining of the park fence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ray Bunker made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2010 Select Board meeting. Second by Julie Ellis. Correction noted for page three, Reports of Boards, paragraph one, line five, word "paint" should be "stain." As corrected, the minutes were approved with a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Frazier noted the break-ins are out of control and he encourages the Select Board to take whatever action is necessary for control.

RoseAnn VanLew noted the "good handle" the staff have on the budget. She shared her concern over the atmosphere in Town Hall, which she believes is spilling over into the town. She believes the source of the problem should be found.

Bob Richards spoke of the work the Hydro Committee is doing, and he assured the Board and the Town Manager will be kept informed.

Neil Robinson spoke again on the cross walk issue and presented a 1994 letter related to a cross walk issue of that time.

John Lulek suggested if the Town Clerk needs some support, it might be available through the Vermont Clerks' Association.

Larry Hughes noted the cross walk must be in accordance with ADA regulations and the vote of the people.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

American Legion Auxiliary: Irene Gradziel spoke in behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, saying they wish to place yellow ribbons on the trees in the park until our troops come home or at least until Veterans' Day. Ray Bunker made a motion to allow

the American Legion Auxiliary to place yellow ribbons on trees in the park. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Beaver Wood : Thomas Emero was present to make a presentation to the Board regarding the proposed Biomass Project for Fair Haven.

(The Chair declared a recess at 7:20 p.m. to allow the group to move to the Fire Dept. for a presentation. He declared the meeting to be back in order at 7:25 p.m.)

Mr. Emero gave information on the history and operation of the Biomass Plant as proposed for Fair Haven. He believes in Fair Haven as a good location because of ease of transportation, availability of forest products and its good location for distribution of the wood products to be produced. He believes the jobs and the tax base will be advantages for the town. A number of questions were asked from the group. He and members of his staff remained available for further questions.

(The Chair declared a recess at 8:15 p.m. to move back to the Board room. The meeting was declared to be back in session at 8:20 p.m.)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Supervisor Jack Eaton reported the town has a new seasonal hire, the park fountain is in, and he is looking at an under carriage washer. He asked for permission to have the transfer station close at noon on the day of "Spring Fling." The Board agreed to this.

Police Chief Bill Humphries reported everything is ready for the Bike Rodeo, May 22. It will be at the high school parking lot from 9 a.m. till noon. He considers it to be a good tool for teaching bike safety.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Park Scheduling: After discussion, Julie Ellis made a motion authorizing the Town Manager to make the schedule for the events in the Park and report them to the Select Board. Second by Ray Bunker. Rules for the use of the park are established. It was agreed a copy of the rules should be signed for at the time of scheduling. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Reward on Break-ins: Discussion took place related to the significant number of break-ins. The Police Chief supported the idea of a reward being offered for information and said that the drug forfeiture money could be used for the rewards. Claire Stanley made a motion to give a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person involved in a break-in. Second by Julie Ellis. The Board wanted the Police Chief to know they are behind his efforts. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Ray Bunker opposed.

Cemetery Deeds: Claire Stanley made a motion to deed two sites in Lot 37, Section 11 to Lawrence and Rita Hughes. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Julie Ellis made a motion to deed one site on Lot 81 south, Section 11 to Patrick and Patricia Szabo. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

CVPS Easement/Authorization to Sign: Claire Stanley made a motion authorizing the Town Manager to sign an easement required by CVPS in putting up a guide wire on Adams Street. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Recreation Area/Lights: It was brought up that there are two different types of lights that might be considered, such as solar and regular. Claire Stanley made a motion.

to table this matter until the June 15 meeting, at which time the Town Manager will bring in proposals. Second Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Water and Sewer Budget It would be best to have John Root and Pete Root present for this discussion. Claire Stanley made a motion to table this matter until June 15 for discussion and approval. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Bid Openings: Reconstruction of South Main Street. Four bids were received. Marlowski-\$156,875.02; Belvin-\$138,242; Fabian-\$105,850; Chestnut-\$105,856. Ray Bunker made a motion to accept the bid from Fabian. Second by Julie Ellis. Their bid includes compaction before surfacing. They can start the job in mid-June. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Basketball and Tennis Courts. Two bids were received on sealing and striping of the courts. Vermont Recreational Surfacing-\$6,200 (black), \$8,400 (green); Advantage Tennis-\$11,500. Claire Stanley made a motion to accept the bid of Vermont Recreational Surfacing for \$6,200 (black). Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Auditor-three year contract: Six responses were received. The budget has \$7,700 for this item. Responses went from a low of \$5,985 to \$18,500. It was noted that the lowest bid was from a person who now has full-time employment with another town. Ray Bunker made a motion to award the contract to R.H.L. Smith for the Town's outside auditor. Second by Claire Stanley. Their bid was "not to exceed \$6,950." The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Executive Session-Personnel: Ray Bunker made a motion at 9:55 p.m. to go into Executive Session with the Board, Town Manager, Police Chief and Supt. Of Public Works. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The Board returned to regular session at 10:24 p.m. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Town Manager gave Board members finance reports for their review. She indicated 86.71% of the General Fund budget is spent; 83.53% of the Water and Sewer budget is spent.

REPORTS OF BOARDS

Town Manager Serena Williams reported national Night Out will be observed in the Park, August 3, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 18 will have their awards ceremony in the Park Gazebo, June 13, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. A report indicates the Depot Street bridge is in really bad shape. A repair estimate is \$13,225 for a partial fix and the State bridge inspector stated that the entire base should be fixed. She is looking for a grant. Unopened gallons of stain not used on the park fence will be returned. There were 23 rails left over from the park fence. The school has asked about having them for the dug out. It was agreed to keep 8 and let the school have the rest.

Claire Stanley asked about the remaining signs relating to local passenger train service and bushes needing to be trimmed around the veterans' monument.

Jack Eaton, Public Works, indicated they are still working on a solution to the Pleasant Street water problem.

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Chair Ron Adams says there are reports of individuals using the land used by the R.C. Flyers for practice hitting golf balls. This is hurting the land by leaving holes in the ground. No decision on what can or should be done.

SIGNING OF WARRANT

Claire Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$25,494.20 and General Fund--\$506,932.64. Second by Ray Bunker. The General Fund amount is large due to the final payment to the schools. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain

Claire Stanley, Clerk

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