

Fair Haven Select Board, January 26, 2010

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

**JANUARY 26, 2010**

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

**Others Present:** Karen Close, Jeff Quay, Mark McManus, Brad Kendall, Peter Neary, Leslie Briere, Jackie Phillips, Matt Miseneik, Michelle Murray, Brenda Bowen, Suellen Schneider, Bonnie Rosati, J. Bauzo

**CALL TO ORDER**

The January 26, 2010 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Ron Adams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Claire Stanley. Need for a correction was noted on page one. The bridge of reference is Depot Street Bridge. The minutes were approved as corrected with a 5-0 vote.

Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Session, January 19, 2010. Second by Ray Bunker. The motion approved by a 5-0 vote. Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2010 Special Session. Second by Ray Bunker. The motion approved by a 5-0 vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS**

**Slate Valley Teen Center:** Susan Schneider reported they had recently had a very successful meeting with the Town Manager. She introduced Mark McManus, the architect who is working with the Teen Center project. He explained a drawing, the proposed representation of the Teen Center. It will include large open areas, moveable walls, rest rooms, a snack bar, a movie screen in an area where 100 chairs can be set up, and a limited access elevator –just to list a few of the features. It is estimated this will cost \$325,000 to \$350,000. It was emphasized this is to be more than just a place for teens “to hang out.” Julie Ellis made a motion to have the Town Manager work on a long term lease agreement meeting the needs of the town and the teen center program, this to be presented to the Board as soon as possible. Second by Jeff Sheldon. The motion approved by a 5-0 vote. It was agreed to have an exit poll relating to the teen center on voting day in all three towns (Fair Haven, Poultney, Castleton). Ms. Schneider will work on this. The Chair suggested he believes the Town could be responsible for the water, sewer, electricity, heat, and insurance related to the teen center as their donation to the project.

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**Planning Commission:** Bonnie Rosati provided Select Board members with copies of the new zoning by-laws as prepared by the Zoning Commission. Two Public Hearings are required and they are suggested for February 23 and March 9, 6:30 p.m. Claire Stanley made a motion for the Board to accept the Fair Haven zoning by-laws as presented for review and Warning. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion approved with a 5-0 vote. A motion by Claire Stanley, seconded by Ray Bunker, to have Bonnie Rosati e-mail the warning to necessary publications was rescinded. Julie Ellis made a motion to hold Public Hearings to receive public comment, February 23 and March 9. Second by Ray Bunker. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Bonnie was directed to e-mail the warning to necessary publications.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COMMITTEES**

None presented.

(Recess declared from 9:30 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Farnham Scale Systems:** Julie Ellis made a motion to table action on the Farnham Scale Service contract. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Recreation Committee:** Members of the Recreation Committee discussed with the Board the handling of confidential issues. It was agreed such matters should be handled by the Recreation Director and the Town Manager, with the Town Manager calling the parent if that is the necessary direction. A better understanding of responsibilities is necessary...Recreation committee, Recreation Director, Select Board. Budgets should be jointly worked on (Committee and Board). The Director is an employee and responsible to the Town Manager. It was agreed there needs to be better communication between the Select Board and the Recreation Committee. Also, it was agreed things need to be put in writing so that a new director or new committee members can understand responsibilities. Select Stanley noted that whatever the Committee is doing, it must somehow be right because the program is great and involving a significant number of children for activities, including breakfast and lunch in the summer.

## **Executive Session/Personnel**

Cancelled

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS**

Finance Reports were submitted for Board review.

## **REPORTS OF BOARDS**

**Julie Ellis** mentioned recurring potholes on South Main Street.

**Jeff Sheldon** raised a question regarding a town vehicle being taken to a private garage for maintenance instead of being taken care of by the town's mechanic.

**Ron Adams** discussed a significant water problem on Pleasant Street caused by run-off. Jack has seen it and will take care of it in the spring or summer. In regard to Article 7 in the Warning (sale of Air Park), he pointed out this is non-binding action according to the

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Town Attorney. He also stated there are no limitations attached when to sell property. In his opinion this is not a bad article for the Selectmen to support, because it shows voter support for any future proposals for property sales. Voters would have to vote on how all monies from the sale would be used. Selectmen cannot spend any money from sale of property without voter approval.

**Jeff Sheldon** noted he believes the Air Park is a valuable asset for the town—even just as 145 acres of town property.

**SIGNING OF WARRANT**

Claire Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: General Fund--\$56,432.67; Payroll--\$25,518.48. Second by Julie Ellis. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Julie Ellis made a motion to adjourn at 10 p.m. Second by Ray Bunker. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wilma DeSpain

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Claire Stanley, Clerk