

Fair Haven Select Board, November 3, 2009

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

NOVEMBER 3, 2009

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

Others Present: Karen Close, Chris Boettcher, Suellen Schneider, Bonnie Rosati, Jack Eaton, Joe Matte, Larry Hughes, Neil Robinson, Debi Bailey, RoseAnne VanLew, Adam Wilson, Patrick Jakab, John Connolly, Patrick Frazier, J. Bauzo, M.D.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by the Chair, Ron Adams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ray Bunker made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2009 meeting. Second by Claire Stanley. Claire Stanley noted on page one, at the bottom, it should be corrected to show the bulb outs do not stick out in the road. As corrected the minutes were approved with a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Close asked if the information on the traffic study relative to the crosswalk was available. The Town Manager advised the letter of request has been sent to the state. No response to date.

RoseAnn VanLew reported the Cedar Street railroad crossing has been fixed. It was added that all of the crossings needing repair have been fixed.

Neil Robinson had crosswalk questions. Discussion indicated there was a possibility of a "technical variance" that would not require as much loss of parking spaces. Town Manager will research this possibility. It was also suggested the crosswalk issue could be placed on the ballot for Town Meeting. The Chair again said he acted on the belief the businesses needed the parking spaces that would be lost due to the requirements for the crosswalk.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Larry Hughes and others expressed concerns about the "bulb outs" installed in the vicinity of the grade school. They have been to Bennington where conversations indicated they are hazardous, bring about significant repair costs, and are a real problem for snow plows. It was clarified that the "bulb outs" are not in a travel lane of the roadway. The Town Manager reported she had talked with Wallingford and heard positive reaction to the "bulb outs" there. Select Stanley reported talking with one of the crossing guards and getting a positive reaction and was told the children like them also. She also said Vergennes likes their "bulb outs." The Chair suggested giving the issue the winter and then evaluate the problems and the costs. This procedure received Board consensus.

Teen Center: Suellen Schneider introduced three high school seniors who spoke in favor of the teen center project. She reported they have been before the Zoning Board and that Castleton State College has applied for a grant that was not awarded but they are researching others to apply for. The college staff is for the project; Poultney High School is working with her; there is a 72 person mailing list. Rotary Clubs are also being supportive, she says. Schneider called this, "a critical project for the community." The Chair advised her to get together with the Town Manager to come up with a proposal— some agreement between the town and the project (project committee). She was also advised of the need to bring the Board a project plan.

DEPARTMENT READ REPORTS

Jack Eaton reported the Public Works Department is working on sidewalk repairs, some road work that needs to be taken care of, and trying keeping the snow fence up at the playground. He was advised of the need to fix a fence on a Prospect St. property that was damaged and/or not properly put back in place after the water project was completed. He was also advised the department tool inventory needs information about the age and condition of the equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

Cedar Grove Cemetery Deed Approval: Francis and Linda Rooker

Jeff Sheldon made a motion approving the sale of Lot 6S, 7, and 8N (4 grave sites) in Section 13 of Cedar Grove Cemetery to Francis and Linda Rooker. Second by Ray Bunker. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Sewer Charges" Patrick and Kelley Szabo;

This property at 10 Lewis Lane is more than 100 feet from the sewer and the Szabos have been paying the sewer use charge and trying to get this corrected since 2001. Jeff Sheldon made a motion to refund to them their payment made since 2001 totaling \$2267.62. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Appointment of Green-up Coordinator

Ray Bunker moved to name Bonnie Rosati Green-Up Coordinator. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Appointment of Town Resident as Rutland Telecom Representative

Julie Ellis made a motion to appoint Patrick Frazier as the Fair Haven representative to the Rutland Telecom Board of Advisors. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The position had been advertised as available.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

The Town Manager reported the second quarter tax payments are coming in. There is \$174,000 in the General Fund.

REPORTS OF BOARDS

Town Manager Serena Williams reported the two-hour parking signs are up; the Airpark is closed to vehicles as the ground was being torn up by vehicular traffic; Richard Wetmore's property had problems when the town was flushing sewer lines. Can

back flow prevention devices be mandated? The request for proposal (RFP) for the Fourth Street sidewalk has been approved. Proposals are due by January 2. The Park and Ride grant application was denied but it is still a possibility to be funded if one grantee refuses their grant. We are next in line. Fair Haven Concerned is again having a Gala Celebration. Participation sought. The town health officer says the house on the corner of River and Cottage Streets needs to be boarded up. Foreclosure is in the process. For work done, the town would have a lien on the property. This will go in the agenda for the next meeting. It is budget time and the first draft has been given out. She will have Sharon send out the letters regarding the need for the reports for the Town Report. At the next meeting Jack will have information on paving.

Claire Stanley says Mr. Cooke at the grade school wants to know how to keep ATVs and snow mobiles from tearing up the new playground. She also indicated there are two rails in the park fence needing attention.

Julie Ellis indicated she is not too happy we are to have a tattoo parlor in town.

Jeff Sheldon expressed concern over the road grader from Benson doing grading in our town after a local person thought he was to do the grading. Apparently it was to be a "mutual aid" action between Fair Haven and Benson. Other Board members also expressed disapproval.

Ron Adams reported the Police Committee has had two meetings. Under discussion is an interlocal agreement between Fair Haven and Castleton. Poultney is not going to participate, except possibly on an hourly rate basis. The issue will not be ready for the March Town Meeting. The park fountain is out for the winter.

SIGNING OF WARRANT

Claire Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll-\$25,958.65; General Fund-\$80,656.62. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Sheldon made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm. Second by Claire Stanley. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted
Wilma DeSpain

Claire Stanley, Clerk of the Board