

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

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
JANUARY 19, 2010**

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

Others Present: Town Manager Serena Williams, Debi Bailey, Karen Close, Bob Richards, Ken Jones, Police Chief William Humphries, Town Clerk/Treasurer Suzanne Dechame, DPW Jack Eaton

CALL TO ORDER

At 7 p.m., Chair Ron Adams called to order the January 19, 2010 Special Meeting of the Select Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FY 10/11 BUDGET (ALL DEPARTMENTS)

Copies of the budget as proposed for review were before the Select Board. The Chair went through all departments as to anticipated income and expenditures.

The Town Clerk/Treasurer is going to strictly a salary. The yearly salary is budgeted as \$45,000 per year. The new payment procedure will become effective July 1, 2010. She is to have an assistant with a salary of \$2500.

Jeff Sheldon moved that the Town Clerk/Treasurer observe the same holiday schedule as all employees of the town. Second by Julie Ellis. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

In discussion of the expenditures it was agreed the health insurance cost can possibly be lowered in future years.

Under revenue, in the Reserve Accounts, a Restoration Account is established. This will be used for restoration/preservation of the public records. Funds are from Town Clerk recording fees at \$1.00 per page.

Concern was expressed over the possibility of Highway Department funds received from the state being lessened.

Revenue received vs. costs related to the operation of the transfer station was discussed. Following discussion Ray Bunker made a motion to leave the transfer fees as they are. Second by Jeff Sheldon. The motion was defeated with a 1-4 vote, Bunker voting in favor, the others opposing.

Claire Stanley made a motion to raise the tipping fees as follows: 15 gal. bags, from \$1.00 to \$1.25; 30 gal. bags from \$2.00 to \$2.50; 55 gal. bags (drums) from \$4.00 to \$5.00; punch cards from \$12.00 to \$15.00. All to be effective July 1, 2010. The motion

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was seconded by Julie Ellis and passed with a 3-2 vote, Bunker and Sheldon opposing the increases. The change is projected to increase the revenue by \$15,000.

Jeff Sheldon made a motion to approve the proposed budget with anticipated revenue of \$364,468 and anticipated expenditures of \$1,911,069. Second by Claire Stanley. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. A copy of the proposed budget is attached to the minutes. The amount to be raised by taxes gives a tax rate of .7932, compared with last year's rate of .7435. This is a .0497 increase.

ADJOURNMENT

Ray Bunker made a motion to adjourn at 10:14 p.m. Second by Claire Stanley. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma DeSpain

Claire Stanley, Board Clerk