

Fair Haven, VT Select Board, January 10, 2012

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

**SELECT BOARD
JANUARY 10, 2012**

Members Present Christopher Cole, Rod Holzworth,II, Timothy Langlois, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley

Others Present: Lucia Suavez, John Lulek, Peter Laramie, Ray Phillips, Jason Booth, Police Chief Wm. Humphries, Jack Eaton, Peter Hathaway

CALL TO ORDER

January 10, 2012 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Jeff Sheldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2011 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Langlois. Select Holzworth said his question under Reports of Boards should be followed by "We are almost at full staff. We are short one ~~temporary~~ person." Select Stanley suggested in the Reports the statement regarding use of park money for park benches should be removed. As corrected the minutes were approved 4-0.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

No appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COMMITTEES

Select Cole reported for the Energy Committee saying the committee wants to submit a grant application for a Hydro Project at the water treatment plant. He also said they are looking at LED street lights for the town. There would be no cost to the town for the replacement of the street lights with a 12 month commitment.

NEW BUSINESS

River Street Pump Station: The Board discussed options with Jason Booth, engineer with A&E. Location was one concern. Department ~~Manager~~ Peter Laramie agreed locating on the same site is preferable and, as well, the alternatives are not the most cost effective. A grant application will be ~~filed~~ but with lack of assurance at this point it will

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be awarded, putting the total amount before the voters was believed to be the best option. Select Cole moved to place an article on the ballot asking for a bond vote in the amount of \$238,000 for upgrading the River Street pump station. Second by Select Stanley. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. There was consensus to have the Town Manager begin talking to property owners relative to easements.

Fourth Street Sidewalk: VT. Transportation has all they need, manager says, and he is hoping for a quick turnaround that will allow for advertising the project next week. Bids will be due in six weeks.

Emergency Fund Policy: Select Holzworth made a motion to approve the Emergency Fund Policy as written. Second by Select Langlois. Motion carried 4-0.

Town of Benson Police Contract: Police Chief Humphries discussed the position with the Board. He emphasized Benson is not asking for a lot of coverage. Select Holzworth moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign the law enforcement contract between Fair Haven and Benson. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Garage and Recreation Bldg. Insurance Claims: After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to accept the cash payment from the insurance company and later determine the best course of action.

(The Chair declared a break in session at 8:37 p.m. Back in session at 8:45 p.m.)

Finalizing budget for FY 12-13: (a) Solid Waste Budget: No action required on the Solid Waste budget. **(b) General Fund:** In the General Fund there is a \$127,266 carry forward from FY 2010-11. After extensive discussion it was agreed to place a few different options on the ballot including using \$94,000 to buy down the tax rate and \$27,340 to the emergency fund. Other items that would be added include using \$1000 to start a capital fund for the recreation building and \$5000 for a Town Garage capital fund. There would also be options on the ballot that would allow for the use of the whole \$127,266 buying down the tax rate if the other items were not approved. **(c) Highway Fund:** In the Highway fund there is a \$60,237 carry forward from FY 2010-11. Consensus was to place on the ballot the option of using the whole \$60,237 for the use of paving roads but to also include an article that would allow the whole amount to be used to buy down the tax rate if there was not support to use the money for paving.

ROUNDTABLE

(The Board agreed to meet Monday, January 16, at 6 p.m. in Special Session.)

Select Stanley had a question on the Town Report contract and wondered if the storm drain situation on West Street had been taken care of.

Select Holzworth mentioned a tax form the Supreme Court has ruled not legal and asked about two invoices.

Select Sheldon asked about work on the bridge.

Manager Peter Hathaway mentioned there are two abatements coming up, meeting he will soon be attending, and the need of a "wellness coordinator".

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports were given to the Board for their review. The checkbook balance is

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\$271,355.11.

SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: General Fund-\$55,430.95; Payroll-\$24,890.45. Second by Select Cole. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

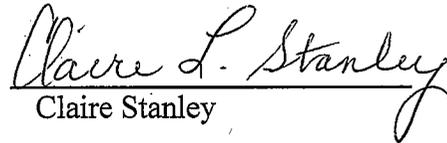
Select Holzworth made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:10 p.m. with the Town Manager to discuss personnel and legal matters. Second by Select Stanley
Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Select Holzworth made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:45 p.m. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried 4-0. No action taken in the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Select Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 11:46 p.m, Second by Select Langlois.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Wilma B. DeSpain


Claire Stanley