

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

**JANUARY 11, 2011**

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

**Others Present:** Neil Robinson, John Lulek, Larry Hughes, Jeff Eaton, Bud Panoushek, Debi Bailey, Karen Close, Abby Greene, Bob Spaulding, Roger Smith, Fred Capron, Bonnie Rosati, Bob Richards, Tim Langlois, Police Chief Bill Humphries, Ken Jones, Randy Dapron, Matt Albertuzzi, Jay Brown, Colleen Raymond, Russ Shaw, Brett Patterson, David Ward, Interim-Town Manager Rod Holzworth

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Ron Adams called the January 11, 2011 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board to order at 7 p.m.

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2010 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Claire Stanley. Corrections: spelling of Tim Langlois (under Others Present), under Public Comment-no "d" on Karen Close, Page 3. first line under Old Business- the cost of living increase should be 1.9%,

**APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS**

Roger Smith, representing Rutland County R/C Flyers, expressed appreciation to the Board for letting the group use the Air Park for the past several years. Julie Ellis made a motion to continue to allow the Rutland County R/C Flyers to use the Air Park for their activity. Second by Ray Bunker. The Chair had Mr. Smith verify that the club made a contribution to Fair Haven Concerned in appreciation for use of the Park. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Bud Panoushek and Jeff Eaton, (in behalf of the Legion and Masons) are asking for permission to put 3' x 5' American flags on utility poles in downtown.. Their organizations will pay for the flags and holders. They plan to put them up before Memorial Day and take them down after Veterans' Day. Ray Bunker made a motion to allow them to place the flags in accordance with CVPS regulations, and with assistance from the Town as needed. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Fred Capron, Chair of the Town Manager Search Committee, reported on the progress of the committee, saying that by January 13 they will have selected eight for 10 minute telephone interviews. These will be completed by January 20. He confirmed that the candidates are to be offered a three year contract, a salary in the mid -50s, and medical insurance. The candidates will be told they are expected to begin employment as early as March 1. The person will not be required to live in Fair Haven; the "where" will be a matter for discussion.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Matters brought up in Public Comment concerned the budget and the outcome of the investigation into the theft of money from the Town office, Regarding the latter--the police chief said they "are still working on it".

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Police Chief Bill Hunphries reported there will be another Neighborhood Watch meeting tomorrow night.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bid Proposals:** There was considerable discussion related to the transfer station, recent bids for removal, etc. Casella and Spaulding raised numerous questions relating to the recent bids and related services, awarding of bid, etc. The Chair emphasized the need for a bid sheet everyone understands. Part of the discussion was prompted by comments indicating the contract as awarded was costing the town an extra \$10,000. The Chair said the Board had awarded the contract. Without Board action it can't be changed. Without a motion to do something different, the original action stands. The Chair indicated the contract stands as awarded.

**Appointment of Authorized Representative:** The State requires the designation of one authorized representative. Jeff Sheldon made a motion to appoint Rod Holzworth the Town representative to the state. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Frederick Barron Estate.** Frederick Barron died without leaving a will. His estate, now settled, leaves \$2,094.20 that goes to the local school district, per state law. Jeff Sheldon made a motion to give to the Fair Haven Town Grade School District \$2,094.20 from the Barron estate. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote..

**Highway Mileage Report.** Claire Stanley made a motion to accept the Certificate of Highway miles in Town, as provided by the State, that being 36.411 miles. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Revised Park Ordinance:**After discussion, Julie Ellis made a motion to accept the revised Park Ordinance. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried with a 4-1 vote (Bunker, Ellis, Sheldon. Stanley voting in favor; Adams opposing.)

**Town Report Dedication:** Andy Brown's family submitted pictures for the Board to use with regard to the Town Report dedication. A selection was made... a picture of him with one of his grandchildren, fishing.

**Beaver Wood Energy:** The Chair said he had nothing new to report. The need for a large number of Fair Haven residents to attend the Public Service Hearing relative to Beaver Wood was emphasized.

**Union Contract Final Review:** A motion was made by Julie Ellis, Second by Ray Bunker to table action until the proper paper work is complete. The thing needed is attached job descriptions. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

(There was a break 8:15 to 8:25.)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**FY 11/12 Budget:** At this time no change in the Revenue Budget from the last meeting.

Phil Stannard, Jr. is suggesting there could be revenue from Inman Pond timber, perhaps \$10,000 or \$15,000 income. This would be FY 11/12 income. This is the only change noted in revenue. This could help maintain a level tax rate. The deadline for Warnings is January 20. The Board will hold a Special Meeting, Tuesday, January 18, 7 p.m. to finalize the budget. Julie Ellis made that motion. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried 5-0. Claire Stanley made a motion to hold a Special Meeting January 20, 4 p.m. to sign the Warning for the Town Meeting. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

#### **REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS**

Finance Reports were distributed to the Board members for their review. The Interim-Town Manager advised them there are no surprises in the current financial reports.

#### **REPORTS OF BOARDS**

Interim-Town Manager Holzworth discussed the preparation of the Warning and asked the Board if they wanted to add anything. There was discussion but no changes. He advised the Board there needs to be a revision of the Vehicle Policy. The last revision was several years ago. He provided copies and said it can be discussed at the next meeting. Also at the next meeting, discussion of a policy for the Town website. He discussed with the Board some changes the State is making in how electronics can be disposed of at the transfer station and other changes coming July 1. Attorney Bloomer has informed him the Morrell House issue is headed for the Supreme Court. This will require extra hours of his time. Mr. Bloomer also says Vermont Structural Slate is now agreeing to pay its own legal fees in connection with the dam. Bonnie Rosati says it will be discussed at the Hydro meeting Thursday. There was discussion of a smoking policy. No action taken.

Claire Stanley asked if there are changes anyone wants in the Employee Evaluation forms. If so, let her know. She asked if the copies of the audit are available. Manager said the auditors need copies of the school audits and the grade school one is still not available. Something must be provided for the audit report that goes in the Town Report. Time is running out. She asked if the money handling situation at the transfer station has changed.

Julie Ellis initiated discussion as to if Coryell Road should be plowed.

#### **SIGNING OF WARRANT**

Claire Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll-\$32,540.71; General Fund-\$56,046.78. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Claire Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.. Second by Julie Ellis. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wilma B. DeSpain

  
Claire Stanley, Clerk