

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

**JANUARY 24, 2012
SELECT BOARD**

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

Others Present: Town Manager Peter Hathaway, Don Proctor, Fire Chief Dave Ward, Bob Richards, Jay Brown, Lucia Suarez, Police Chief William Humphries, Brian Reed, Rob Howland

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Jeff Sheldon called the January 24, 2012 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board to order at 7:01 p.m.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Select Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Langlois. Correction: Under "Approval of Minutes", omit the word "temporary". Entry should read, "We are short one person." In "River Street Pump Station" Peter Laramie should be identified as "Department Head". As corrected the minutes were approved, 4-0. Select Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2012 Special Session. Second by Select Cole. Motion carried 4-0.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Rob Howland, representing Reunion Power, the company proposing a wind power project for Grandpa's Knob, spoke with the Board about the project. They are considering between 15 and 20 wind turbines. They hope to file with the Public Service Board in 2012.

Brian Reed, President of RC Flyers, came before the Board to be sure everything is in order for their continued use of the Air Park. He confirmed their continued use and the fact they will again give \$500 to Fair Haven Concerned. There will be an Air Show July 21. It will be a two-day event and he indicated some of the flyers would bring campers. This does not appear to be a problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Proctor passed out letters of invitation to the annual Volunteer Fire Department Dinner, scheduled for February 18 at the Eagles Club.

Jay Brown voiced objections to the Police Department's agreement to work three hours a week in Benson. He does not think \$35 an hour is sufficient to cover all costs involved. He also said this is not what the department is for and wants outside contracts stopped.

Bob Richards requested a list of tax abatements and echoed the already expressed disapproval of the agreement with Benson.

DEPARTMENT HEAD, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Chief Bill Humphries briefly discussed recent arrests.

Fire Chief Dave Ward said the department is working with Hampton on a contract for coverage. There were two recent structural fires in Hubbarton.

Energy Committee members will meet Thursday night. Current discussion relates to LED street lights and hydro power.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway mileage certification: The mileage to be certified is the same as last year's--36 miles. Select Holzworth moved to sign the certificate. Second by Select Stanley. Motion approved by a 4-0 vote.

Coin Drop policy: The board discussed changing the number of coin drops allowed from three to four and changing the period to be from May 1 through Labor Day. Select Cole made a motion approve the changes to the Coin Drop Policy. Second by Select Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Municipal Building Improvement Committee: This committee was suggested by the Town Manager as a result of a meeting he attended recently. The Board's thinking was that such a committee was not necessary; rather the Board would serve as the committee. There was also the belief such an act is premature--should come after the election. The need for some repair work on the roof was brought up. The consensus was this work needs to be done and paid for from the reserve account.

OLD BUSINESS

Finalize FY 2012-13 budget: In summary budget totals are as follows: Expenses--\$1,888,309; Revenue--\$440,822; Taxes--\$1,447,487. Select Cole made a motion to accept the budget as read. Second by Select Langlois. Motion passed with 4-0 vote.

Review Town Articles: This was for review of the "Warning" only.

ROUNDTABLE

Select Langlois expressed concern regarding the town's use of "Facebook." He has been hearing some complaints over the Police Department use of "Facebook." He believes using the site to promote the town is fine. Other than that, he questions. He reported he has been getting complaints about early morning snow plowing and sanding. He suggested that because the town puts \$2500 in for the Memorial Day Parade, we should be able to have some input.

Select Holzworth asked about the status of an employee currently on sick leave.

Manager Hathaway mentioned meetings he will be attending and reported logging on the Inman Pond parcel has stopped for now.

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REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Finance reports were provided for Board review. 56% of the budget should be spent by now. The checkbook balance is \$272,300.72

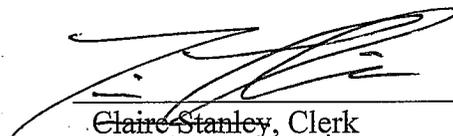
SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: General Fund--\$50,412.72; Payroll--\$25,541.73 Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

ADJOURN

Select Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. Second by Select Holzworth. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain



Claire Stanley, Clerk
Timothy A. Langlois
Temp Clerk