

**TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS--CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD SESSION
January 30, 2014**

Board members present: Christopher Cole, Bob Richards, Jeff Sheldon (by telephone), Claire Stanley, Dave Ward

Others present: Beverly Fedolfi, Don Howard, Rod Holzworth, Jenny Bertrum, Ken Jones, Frank Faryniarz, Suzanne Dechame, Judy Reed, John Lulek, Jim Heller, Steve Pelerin, Allen Bowen, Ray Phillips, Melinda Eaton, Bud Panoushek, Donald Proctor, Mary McNeil, William Humphries, Phil Adams, Nicholas Michael, Recorder Wilma DeSpain, Town Manager Herb Durfee

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christopher Cole called the Special Session to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Cole explained that he called the meeting since he felt the budget as recommended did not meet the intent of the board during the board's January 23 meeting. Durfee explained what procedure had to occur in order to re-open the budget for additional discussion. Ward moved to rescind the motion of January 23, 2014, "[To] approve the 2014 Town Meeting Warning as presented". Second by Stanley. All voted aye. Next, Stanley moved to rescind the motion of January 23, 2014, "[To] propose a Fiscal Year 2014-15 Selectboard budget in the amount of \$1,931,981". Second by Ward. All voted aye.

At this point, Durfee explained the budget was open for additional discussion. In preparation for the meeting, Durfee indicated he offered to the board additional areas where some cuts to the budget could be made without significantly affecting governmental services.

Stanley suggested several cuts and Ward added to that list. Richards suggested an across the board 5% decrease and, additionally, that all department heads not receive the 1.54% salary increase. After lengthy discussion on the items with some minor changes, most board members agreed to the list of amended cuts offered by Stanley and Ward but not inclusive of Richards suggestions. Stanley moved to approve a revised Selectboard budget of \$1,908,559 Fiscal Year 2014-15. Second by Ward. The motion passed 4-1-0 with Richards opposed.

After a recess to prepare the revised Warning, Ward moved to approve the revised Warning as presented. Second by Stanley. The motion passed 4-1-0 with Richards opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m. on motion by Stanley, second by Ward.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B.DeSpain



Claire Stanley, Clerk