

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2011

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

Others Present: Jane Ellis, Karen Close, Lucia Suarez (Rutland Herald), Larry Hughes, Bob Richards, Paul Cummings, Ken Jones, Chris Cole, Bob Spaulding, Jack Adams, Sharon Adams, Tim Langlois, Police Chief Bill Humphries, Craig Markcrow, Theodore Parisi (attorney), Bonnie Rosati, John Lulek

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the February 8, 2011 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:32 P.M., Julie Ellis made a motion to go to Executive Session. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried. Regular session resumed at 7:30 p.m. A Special Session will be scheduled at which time the Board will offer a contract to the candidate.

with Search Committee to Discuss Town manager contract.

Claire Stanley made a motion to hold a Special Session at 8 p.m. tomorrow night (February 9) for the purpose of offering a Town Manager contract. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Jeff Sheldon. There were no omissions or corrections. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Mr. Craig Markcrow, owner of Vermont Structural Slate, was present in the interest of clarifying the Town's position on acquiring his company's interest in the three dams. He thought the Town had lost interest. The Chair assured him this was not the case; rather, he was waiting for the attorneys to get together. Mr. Markcrow said they are willing to deed to the Town all they own in regard to rights-of-way to the dams. There is a question regarding ownership of one dam. Discussion relative to a sluiceway under property owned by Vermont Structural was heard. Theodore Parisi, attorney for Vermont Structural, will clarify responsibility for it in the deed. It was confirmed work does need to be done on the dams and that there is no support money available to repair or build dams, only to take them out. The Interim Town Manager will talk with Attorney Bloomer tomorrow and the attorneys will work out details of changes in the deed. The business related to the dams will be on the February 22 agenda.

FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Objection was raised to the present street signs for Caenarvon Street. The street name is spelled Carnarvon which is not the original Welsh spelling and it is incorrect. Strong opposition was expressed regarding the incorrect and historically inaccurate spelling of the street name.

A question was asked regarding the Town's Certificates of Deposit. Specifically, can there be a

breakdown of all the Town owned "C.D.s" by Town Meeting? It was suggested the information will be in the Town Report. It was requested that the Town Manager supply the requested information for the next scheduled Selectboard meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COMMITTEES

Hydro Committee: Bob Richards reported the Hydro Committee is going to Bennington to look at their project.

NEW BUSINESS

Reappointment to ^{Fair Haven} Regional Planning Commission. Bonnie Rosati has been serving in this capacity and apologized for the fact she had not written a letter of interest in continuing to serve. The Board heard negative comments regarding the fact the opportunity had not been advertised allowing people who might be interested in serving to write letters of interest in serving on the Commission. It was countered that all appointed position terms are clearly shown in the annual Town Report. Claire Stanley made a motion to reappoint Bonnie Rosati to the Planning Commission. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote,

Call Procedure for Water or Sewer Problems. It is clear--a workable procedure is necessary for getting in contact with water and sewer personnel after hours in the case of a related problem. After discussion it was agreed information on a flyer sent with the water bill would be a good solution. The flyer could also contain other relevant Town information.

Town Policy Regarding Health Plan Deductible. Julie Ellis made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote,

Certificate - No Appeal (2010 BCA) Board Signatures. The Listers report no grievances have been filed. Julie Ellis made a motion to sign the "no appeal" document. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Liquor & Tobacco License Renewal. Maplefields is applying for renewal. Jeff Sheldon made a motion to renew their Liquor and Tobacco license. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Class 2 Road & Bridge Standards. The State is encouraging towns to adopt state standards for all town roads. Jeff Sheldon made a motion to study this and put it on a future agenda for Board review. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Beaver Wood Energy/Update. Presently the Town has the status of "interested individual" in Public Service Commission dealings. The Chair is asking for the Board to request "party status", which should give us more credibility. After discussion, Claire Stanley made a motion to have the Board sign a letter requesting "party status." Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Copies of the Finance Reports were distributed for Board review. Interim Town Manager reported that in most instances less than 60% of the budget has been spent. "We are not in any dire straights," he said.

REPORTS OF BOARDS

Rod Holzworth, II, Interim Town Manager, informed the Board there has been a change in State Statutes and towns are no longer required to name fence sitters, Lumber Inspectors, or Weighers of Coal. He reported the Town Hall roof has been cleared of snow by Doran Bros., using a Crane. As a "point of interest", he advised the Board that all departments are working on a new 5 year

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“planning tool” for major projects, replacement of the River Street ejector pump station needs to be kept in mind.

Claire Stanley--nothing

Ray Bunker wanted to compliment the crew for the “great job” they are doing on the roads/streets.

Julie Ellis wondered if on the answering machine there could be an after hours number to call in the event of serious need.

Jeff Sheldon--nothing

Ron Adams---nothing

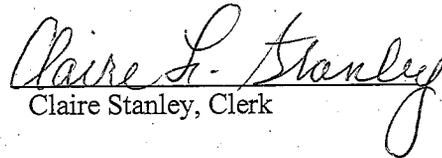
SIGNING OF WARRANT

Claire Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$28,486.18; General Fund--\$54,595.48. Second by Ray Bunker. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Julie made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.. Second by Jeff Sheldon. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain


Claire Stanley, Clerk