

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

**FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

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

Others Present: Debi Bailey, Tim Langlois, John Lulek, Peter Root, Abby Greene, Allen Bowen, David Ward, Ken Jones, Neil Robinson, RoseAnne Van Lew, Larry Hughes, Bob Richards, Karen Close, Chris Cole, Roy Eckler, Lucia Suarez (Rutland Herald), Mark Blucher (Rutland Regional Planning Commission), Bob Spaulding, Jim Heller, Ray Phillips, William Humphries, Peter Hathaway, Rod Holzworth, II

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Ron Adams called to order the February 22, 2011 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board at 7 p.m.

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting of the Select Board, Second by Ray Bunker. Corrections noted as follows. Under New Business- Regional Planning Commission should be Fair Haven Planning Commission. Under Public Comment- the street name is spelled Caernarvon; Town Manager should be Town Treasurer. Under Executive Session it should state Select Board and members of the Search Committee to discuss the new Town Manager's contract. As corrected the minutes were approved with a 5-0 vote.

Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Session, February 9, 2011. Second by Claire Stanley. No omissions or corrections. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS**

**Neil Robinson** had questions about wording in the new Town Manager's contract. Also, are there performance standards to be met? He also had a question about the \$6,000 salary increase July 1 and was told that is in lieu of medical insurance and actually represents a savings to the town.

**Mark Blucher**, Rutland Regional Planning Commission, intends primarily to discuss the Beaver Wood Energy situation. He said his Board is aware of the Fair Haven position relative to Beaver Wood and the effect Beaver Wood Energy could have on Fair Haven. However, the Commission has to consider all towns within its jurisdiction. Select Board Chair indicated he is disappointed in the workings of the Commission. Mr. Blucher says the Commission does not always take a stand for or against and can't say when they will speak for or against. They are privy to the same information as the Town of Fair Haven. The Commission and the Board can collaborate but that does not mean they would end up in agreement. Chair Adams is proposing petitions of support be signed and submitted to the Representatives and Vermont Public Service Board prior to a bill scheduled to be out of Committee, March 11. Julie Ellis made a motion to circulate the petitions for signature (in Fair Haven and surrounding towns). Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

*Neil Robinson asked if Mark recalled FH's Rep voting Record.*

*Mark said he doesn't recall.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**John Lulek** asked about having the Select Board meeting changed to Monday nights, thus avoiding conflict with the Fair Haven Union High School Board meetings.

**Bob Richards** asked for clarification of membership on the Planning Commissions (Fair Haven and Rutland Regional). Bonnie Rosati has been reappointed to the Fair Haven Planning Commission. The Regional representative position will be filled in July. This will be advertised. The Chair suggested perhaps a reappointment/appointment policy would be in order for the Board's consideration.

**Depot Street Bridge** was discussed. Some work was done on it in the last year. Inspection reports indicates that the structure is safe, but the deck needs works/replacement. Significant work cannot be done until money is available.

**Parking on River Street** was discussed. Cars seem to be parking on both sides of the road and even in the road. Chief Humphries took it under advisement and committed to have the situation corrected.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FHUHS Project graduation:** After discussion, Ray Bunker made a motion to give \$200 to the support of Project Graduation.. Second by Jeff Sheldon. This year's event will be held at Castleton State College. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Execute Union Contract.** Jeff Sheldon made a motion to approve and sign the Union contract with amendments as attached for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Liquor License and Tobacco License Renewals.** Claire Stanley made a motion to renew the Liquor Licenses of the following: Eagles Club, Liberty Street Market, Rite Aid, Sherman V. Allen, Shaws and further the Tobacco Licenses of Liberty Street Market, Rite Aid, Sherman V. Allen and Shaws. Second by Ray Bunker. All of the businesses taxes and fees are current and there are no police issues. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Town Employee Contracts** There are some existing contracts that do not include the definitions of "with cause and without cause". Julie Ellis made a motion to correct the language. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Rutland Region Transportation Council.** February 24 there is an important meeting where they will discuss and prioritize highway improvement projects. It is important we be represented. It appears our representative is not always able to attend. To assure representation, Claire Stanley made a motion to appoint Julie Ellis as alternate to Rutland Region Transportation Council. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote (Ellis abstaining). Jeff Sheldon made a motion to table the appointment to the Council until Cindy Adams is contacted to see if she is interested in continuing as representative. Second by Ray Bunker. It was pointed out the Town needs to have an appointment policy. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. It was suggested a list of the appointments be available at Town Meeting even though they are listed in the Town Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Class 2 Road and Bridge Standards.** After discussion, Jeff Sheldon made a motion to adopt the Class 2 Road and Bridge Standards. Second by Ray Bunker. This will not significantly change what we are doing but it will be of benefit to the town when we are applying for a road work grants. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**Health Plan Deductible.** Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the Town Policy on the Health Plan deductible fund replenishment. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried with 5-0 vote.

**REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS**

Copies of finance reports were distributed to Board members for review. They were advised the school payment has been made and \$75,415 remains in the General Fund checking account. Finances are where they ought to be for this time of year. Town Manager said the C.D list as requested at the last meeting is available. He distributed the list to those who inquired.

**REPORTS OF BOARDS**

**Town Manager** said copies of a letter from John Root regarding his disability were provided to the Board. The request has been submitted for both long and short term disability. The Manager says he is looking at several options with employees for coverage of the water treatment plant in the interim. More information should be available at the next meeting. Estimates of water bills will be used this time where meters could not be reached. Requests for "coin drops" are beginning to come in. As discussed at the last meeting, information will appear on the back of the water and sewer bills with a note on the front calling attention to the back of the bill. A note of appreciation is being sent to the people responsible for the maintenance of the skating rink in the park. By way of e-mails he and Vermont Structural are trying to work out the penstock pipe capping language in the pending deed.

**Jeff Sheldon** suggested that even though the school does not pay for trash taken to the landfill, shouldn't it be weighed for accounting purposes. It was agreed it needs to be weighed. (Neil Robinson asked if when water use is estimated, does the bill indicate this? Answered, yes.)

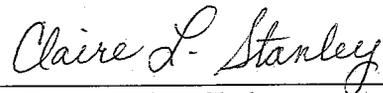
**SIGNING OF WARRANT**

Claire Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: General Fund-\$511,978.64; Payroll-\$32,644.91. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Before asking for an adjournment motion, Chair Ron Adams read a letter to the Board stating he is resigning, February 23, for business reasons. Claire Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Second by Julie Ellis. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wilma B. DeSpain

  
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Claire Stanley, Clerk