

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

MARCH 8, 2011

Members Present: Christopher Cole, Timothy Langlois, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley

Others Present: Ray Phillips, Glen Roberts, John Lulek, Roy Eckler, Lucia Suarez, Jay Brown, Neil Robinson, Larry Hughes, Karen Close, Bob Richards, Bonnie Rosati, Ken Jones, Bob Paul, Danielle Tomasi, Shaun Tomasi, Robert Spaulding, Rod Holzworth, Peter Hathaway

CALL TO ORDER

Claire Stanley made a motion to call the meeting to order, second by Timothy Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

ORGANIZATION

With Interim Town Manager presiding, a motion was asked to elect a Board Chairperson. Christopher Cole made a motion to elect Jeff Sheldon chair, Second by Timothy Langlois. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote, Sheldon abstaining. Additionally, the Interim Town Manager asked for a motion to elect a Clerk of the Board, Christopher Cole nominated Claire Stanley as Clerk of the Board. Second by Timothy Langlois. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote. (Claire Stanley abstaining). With Jeff Sheldon presiding, Claire Stanley moved to appoint Jack Eaton as Tree Warden. Second by Christopher Cole. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Claire Stanley moved to hold the Select Board meetings every other Tuesday at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Second by Christopher Cole. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

The Chair noted the letter from Select Ron Adams who resigned effective February 23, 2011 and asked how the Board wanted to fill the vacancy. The consensus was to advertise for letters of interest prior to making a decision at the next regular meeting. Timothy Langlois moved to advertise for letters of interest from Fair Haven residents in the Lakes region Free Press, with intent to fill the position at the March 22 meeting. Second by Christopher Cole. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Claire Stanley made a motion approving the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting of the Board. Second by Christopher Cole. By way of addition, Neil Robinson wanted it noted he had asked if the Town's representative had supported Beaver Wood at the regional meeting. With the addition, the Board approved the minutes by a 4-0 vote.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

No appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was pointed out the "local TV station" is still showing Serena Williams' name as Town Manager. It was also asked if there was legal action by Serena Williams against the town. There is nothing known about this.

Jay Brown spoke in favor of more information from public comments being included in the minutes. He reported the travel portion of South Main Street that was worked on last year continues to have problems.

Shaun Tomasi spoke of roadway problems on River Street. He asked if the Board is going to adopt a conflict of interest policy. The Chair said it will be looked at.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COMMITTEES

No reports, other than that Public Works has been working 12 hour shifts dealing with the snow. Christopher Cole asked about committee reports and discussion indicated ~~quarterly~~ ^{Monthly} reports were wanted and it was suggested a schedule be made for the appearance of a representative of each committee or a report from the committee on a quarterly basis.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License Renewals. Claire Stanley made a motion to renew the liquor licenses for Stewarts Shop #190, Tomasi's Bar and Midway Oil. Second by Christopher Cole. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Timothy Langlois made a motion to renew the tobacco licenses of Stewarts Shop #190 and Midway Oil. Second by Christopher Cole. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Roy Eckler asked about the renewal of the American Legion Post liquor license. He says letter and check have been sent. This will be checked.

Nicholas Michael has sent letter of interest to be reappointed to Fair Haven Planning Commission. Motion by Christopher Cole, second by Claire Stanley, to table any action until the next meeting while waiting for other letters of interest. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Sean Galvin had a sewer back-up problem, December 14. Clean-up, repair and replacement costs submitted to Town's insurance were \$7013.14. VLCT recommended a settlement of \$4,428 (using depreciation schedule). Claire Stanley moved to consent to the proposed settlement for damages with Mr. Galvin in the amount of \$4,428. Second by Timothy Langlois. Motion carried 4-0. Jay Brown suggested the town has assurance Mr. Galvin has complied with all the stipulations of the insurance company bringing him into compliance.

SWAC Representative. This is a one year appointment, currently held by Bonnie Rosati. A representative is needed plus an optional alternate. Christopher Cole made a motion to table until next regular meeting and ask for letters from interested parties. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Route 22A Corridor Representative Christopher Cole moved to add this to the list of tabled appointments and advertise for letters of interest. Second by Timothy Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

BXL Tax Bill Adjustment As a result of bankruptcy, a request for the adjustment of the interest and penalty on this tax bill be approved. Claire Stanley made a motion to zero out the interest and penalty in the amount of \$7346.35 on the BXL tax bill due to bankruptcy. Second by Christopher Cole. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Action on vacancies Vacancies exist in ZBA(1), Town Auditor (1) and Trustee of Public Funds (1). Claire Stanley made a motion to table any action until the opportunity to submit letters of interest is publicized. Second by Christopher Cole. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Christopher Cole made a motion to advertise all vacancies noted in this meeting in the Free Press, on the Town Web Site as well as posting in the usual five places in town. Second by Timothy Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Approval of Town Policy on elected post compensation. Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the Town Policy on Elected Officials Compensation. Second by Timothy Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

(5 minute break stated by Chair.)

OLD BUSINESS

Dam Deed Language Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the most recent language to be placed in the deed. Second by Christopher Cole. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Beaver Wood Energy Update According to Claire Stanley, to date, 22 pages, containing 293 signatures in support of the Beaver Wood Energy project have been submitted to the proper

persons. The Town Clerk has prepared a sign she proposes to place in front of Town Hall providing people with a website where they can register their support of the Beaver Wood Energy project. Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the sign. Second by Christopher Cole. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. There was continuing support of Beaver Wood Energy and the need for the Town's support.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Interim Town Manager reported that at 10 a.m. today he posted a notice as required informing the public of a Special Meeting of the Select Board, 4 p.m., March 9, for the purpose of reviewing finance reports and acting on the Warrant.

ROUND TABLE

Interim Town Manager, Rod Holzworth advised there is a request for a Pawn Broker shop from Tammy Howard and Ed Davis. It will be located in the front of Ed Davis' existing business. There were a number of questions. It was suggested they come before the Board at the April 5 meeting.

Claire Stanley welcomed the new Board members.

Christopher Cole asked about the Fourth Street sidewalk. The State has some new requirements on an easement that is being worked on. Once that is taken care of, the project can be advertised. He asked about the Board having a special planning meeting. This will be worked out when the fifth Board member is in place.

Jeff Sheldon wanted to acknowledge the great job the Public Works Department is doing.

ADJOURNMENT

Claire Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 9:17. Second by Christopher Cole. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted
Wilma B. DeSpain


Claire Stanley, Clerk