

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

**SELECT BOARD
APRIL 3, 2012**

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

Others Present: Peter Hathaway, Lucia Suarez, Simon Suarez, Glen Roberts, Bonnie Rosati, John Lulek, Jason Ahern, Brian Reed, Harry Thompson, Carol Driscoll

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Cole called- the meeting to order and asked for everyone to stand and join in the pledge to the flag.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Select Stanley moved the re-approval of the minutes of the Special Select Board meeting, March 7, 2012. Second by Select Sheldon. All voted aye.

Select Sheldon moved the approval of the minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Langlois. Corrections: Page 1, in Appointments with Individuals, take out the line "April 1 is a projected date for beginning the project" (This is in reference to 4th Street sidewalk); in Roundtable Select Stanley's comments-- "legislatures" should be spelled "legislators". With corrections, all voted in favor of approval.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

RC Flyers: Brian Reed, representing RC Flyers, advised the Board their group was scheduling work as necessary to get the field in order for their activities. Specifically, they will fill in ruts and level the ground. The annual air show will be in July. The Flyers regularly gather on Tuesdays and Sundays.

Jason Ahern, Executive Director of the Bomoseen Association, is asking towns in the area for support of the association's July 4th fireworks. Ideally, each community would give \$750. After considerable discussion, Select Langlois moved to pay a \$50 membership with "Friends of Lake Bomoseen" and \$200 toward the fireworks. Second by Select Sheldon. Selects Langlois and Sheldon voted yes. Selects Stanley and Ward voted no. Board Chair Cole broke the tie by voting in favor of the motion.

Carol Driscoll, Executive Director of Carving Studio and Sculpture Center, spoke about their Stone Bench Project, a workshop experience for selected young people between age 13 and 18. In a two week seminar they create a stone bench that will be placed in a special place in their hometown. This year is Fair Haven's turn. The Board reacted most favorably to the project and it was felt placing it by the Peace Pole seemed ideal.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Lulek expressed appreciation to Public Works for the great job they have done on

the roads in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Bonnie Rosati needed clarification on some of the minutes. She also pointed out there is not a vacancy on the Planning Commission as indicated in "Appointments".

Neil Robinson sent some update information on the Beaver Wood situation. He brought brochures for the front desk. They are there to be picked up. He says he has visited 30 business in Fair Haven and Castleton and everyone is in favor. He plans to visit in Rutland. He believes everyone is very enthusiastic about the possibilities Beaver Wood offers.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jack Eaton, Public Works Supt., reported they were only out 25 times with salt and/or sand this winter. Sweeping streets is complete except for two roads. All of the roads in the cemetery have been rolled and the gates were opened today.

Police Chief Bill Humphries reported the department is working on a business registry that will contain information such as owner's contact information and who to call in case of an emergency. The Cadets are sponsoring a benefit basketball game April 14. State Trooper Hunter is moving and can't take his dog with him. He is offering to give the dog to the town. Our Officer Dale Kerber is offering to assume custody and care of the dog. The Canine Assoc. will purchase the cage to go in the police car. The dog would be used in narcotics investigations and public relations. It was pointed out it would take \$15,000 to \$20,000 to get a program like this running from the start. Several questions were asked regarding liability, and Union regulations. Select Stanley moved to accept the dog. Second by Select Ward. Selects Ward, Stanley and Sheldon voted in favor of the motion. Select Langlois voted no. Motion passed.

Fire Chief David Ward said training is continuing. There will be an L.E.P.C. at the high school tomorrow.

Water Department. A submitted report indicated things are going well at the Water Department and that an additional operator recently became certified.

NEW BUSINESS

Airport hanger survey: Select Sheldon moved to table discussion on the airport hanger survey until the planning session next week. Second by Select Langlois. All voted aye.

Zoning Administrator: The Planning Commission recommended the reappointment of Phil Adams as Zoning Administrator. Select Sheldon moved to reappoint Phil Adams as Zoning Administrator. Second by Select Stanley. All voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: RoseAnn VanLew submitted a letter indicating she is interested in serving as an alternate member of the Planning Commission. Select Sheldon moved to appoint RoseAnn VanLew as alternate representative to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission.. Second by Select Langlois. All voted aye. A regular representative is still needed.

Money from sale of mini-pumper: Select Stanley moved to use the \$20,000 from the sale of the mini-pumper to pay down the loan on the new fire truck. After discussion she withdrew her motion. Select Sheldon moved to transfer the \$20,000 to the fire department reserve account. Second by Select Langlois. Select Ward abstained from

voting. Selects Sheldon, Stanley, and Langlois voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Works carry forward: Public Works has \$60,237 needing to be designated for a fund. After discussion Select Langlois moved to carry the \$60,237 forward into the Highway Paving Fund. Second by Select Ward. This will likely be used on River Street and Willard Avenue. All voted aye. The subject will be looked at again in two weeks.

ROUNDTABLE

Town Manager Peter Hathaway: He has an estimate of \$20,000 to \$25,000 to paint Town Hall. The pre-construction conference for 4th Street sidewalk will be Thursday. He is getting estimates on the repair of the roof.

Select Stanley brought to the Board's attention the need to have a plan for replacing trees in the park. She mentioned one on the west side that was hit by lightning last summer and one across from the bank removed last year. She also mentioned there are three bases in the park without benches.

Select Cole (Board Chair) talked about the "Rec Field", i.e., soccer, fencing around the Babe Ruth field, extending the baseball field and putting in new dugouts. He decided the Board will meet for a Planning Session, Thursday, April 12.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

The Town Manager provided finance reports for the Board to review. He reported a check

book balance of \$375,179.07

SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Sheldon moved to pay the warrant as follows: General Fund--\$68,486.669; Payroll--\$26,650.78 Second by Select Stanley. All voted aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Select Langlois moved for the Board and Town Manager to go into an Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel issues. Second by Select Stanley. All voted aye.

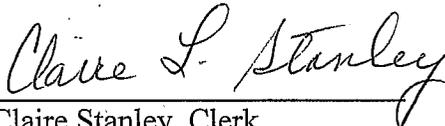
Select Stanley moved to come out of Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. Second by Select Langlois. All voted aye No action was taken

Select Stanley moved to go into Executive Session with the Town Manager to discuss personnel at 10:36 p.m. Second by Select Ward. Select Langlois recused himself. Three remaining voted aye. No action taken. Select Ward moved to close the Executive Session at 10:55 p.m. Second by Select Stanley. All (3) voted aye. Town Manager will take appropriate action.

ADJOURN

Select Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 11 p.m. Second by Select Ward. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain



Claire Stanley, Clerk