

Fair Haven Select Board, April 5, 2011

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

APRIL 5, 2011

Members Present: Christopher Cole, Tod Holzworth,II, Timothy Langlois, Jeff Sheldon
Absent: Claire Stanley

Others Present: Roy Eckler, Debi Bailey, Phil Stannard, Bill Bousqnet, Phil Stannard, Jr., Frederick Nicholuson, Justin Bolster, George Stannard, Bonnie Rosati, Neil Robinson, Richard Szentmiklosy, Ed Davis, Karen Close, Sheri Brown, Suellen Schneider, Larry Hughes, Ken Jones, Dave Ward, Ray Phillips, Bill Humphries, Kevin Durkee, Mark Blutcher

CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Jeff Sheldon called the April 5, 2011 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board to order at 7 p.m.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Mr. Holzworth. Correction noted in the appointments--Jill Eaton should be Joe Eaton. As corrected, the minutes were approved Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Select Board Meeting, March 23, Second by Mr. Langlois. Motion carried.

In the absence of Clerk Claire Stanley the Chair noted it was necessary to name someone to act as clerk for this meeting. Mr., Cole nominated MR. Holzworth. Second by Mr. Langlois. No opposition and the Chair declared Mr. Holzworth to be Clerk for this evening.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Sheri Brown: (Ms. Brown is the Treasurer of Slate Valley Teen Center.) She thanked the Board for their previous support when the idea was to have the Teen Center within the second floor of Town Hall. As the plans developed it was apparent this was not going to be financially possible. The plans are now to open the Center on Main Street in the building until recently occupied by a children's day care. There is very little work needing to be done before the Teen Center can open. They plan to be affiliated with the "Chill Out" She suggested ways the Town might help, such as, can they be added to the Town's insurance and would they Town pay for police coverage at special events. The Town Manager requested information for the community website. Sue Ellen Schneider expressed appreciation for the previous support.

Richard Szentmiklosy spoke in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce proposal to recognize the efforts that have gone into the band stand in the park. They wish to place a plaque for that purpose with a dedication during the first Concert in the Park this season, July 7. He showed a picture of the proposed bronze plaque. Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the sign as presented contingent on zoning approval. Second by Mr. Langlois. Motion carried.

George Stannard spoke in support of re-appointment of Nick Michael to the Planning Commission.

Ray Phillips spoke to the Board in connection with Project Graduation. He asked if they are selected as one of the four groups to have a "Coin Drop", can they have it before Memorial Day? He suggested a handout to express appreciation for support of "Project Graduation" and on the back of it, a schedule for Concerts in the Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neil Robinson shared some thoughts about showing support for Beaver Wood Energy. He suggested a large sign at the Park or in front of Town Hall showing what Beaver Wood could mean to the Town. Also, a banner across Main Street identifying supporters. He hopes for three buses when the group goes to Montpelier on April 15. He spoke of promotional pins for everyone to wear on the bus trip and to give to people in Montpelier. He says this is too big an opportunity for the Town (the people) to let it go by.

Justin Bolster spoke of a drainage problem on Pleasant Street significantly affecting his property; The Town Manager said he and Jack Eaton are working to resolve that problem.

SPAN Number: There is a house on River Street needing this number for their property. Numbers are assigned by the Listers after July 1 and this information is needed before then. There will be a penalty if they don't have the number by July 1. Manager agreed to see what he can do to help.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Bill Humphries provided monthly activity reports for the Board. The department is accepting medications to be destroyed.

Fire Dep. Chief Dave Ward said the new fire truck is in Latham, NY They have been taking equipment down to be put on the new truck.

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Selling of 1984 vehicle: This is one of two Blazers given to the police department. One has been used for parts. There was discussion and Mr. Holzworth made a motion to have the Town Manager contact the person interested in the transmission and offer it for \$200. Second by Mr. Cole. There was discussion of several other options and Mr. Holzworth agreed to resend his motion and Mr. Cole to resend his second. Mr. Holzworth made a motion to have the Town Manager list the vehicle on "Craig's list" or e-Bay. Second by Mr. Cole. The motion passed. The Board authorized the Town Manager to work out the best deal.

Apple Fest: This is a project the elementary school is planning for September 17. They are asking the Town for electricity for the vendors, policing, and approval of the date. Mr.

Holzworth moved to approve September 17 as the date for the Apple Fest. Second by Mr. Cole. The motion passed.

Fire Truck Bond: The Town Manager reported everything is ready to go on the bond for the fire truck. Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve and sign the bond in the amount of \$157,500. Second by Mr. Langlois. Motion carried.

Bonnie Rosati resignation: Mrs. Rosati asks to be removed from the Hydro Study, Committee. The Chair expressed appreciation for her service. The Board will appoint a replacement at their next meeting if necessary.

OLD BUSINESS

Beaver Wood Energy: Bill Bousquet, representing Beaver Wood Energy, reported on progress they are making. They are connecting to VELCO as opposed to CVPS. He spoke of the advantages in doing this. They are resubmitting to the Public Service Committee, working to improve that. Looking for someone to buy their power is a significant emphasis. A major emphasis is trying to get language that will gain the support of the Legislature. He spoke of the focus to gain the support of the people of Fair Haven and beyond, the two public meetings and the bus trip to Montpelier on the 15th.

Letters of interest on Trustee of Public Funds: No letters were received.

Letters of Interest on Grand Juror: Four letters were received. Mr. Langlois made a motion to appoint Jay Brown as a Grand Juror. Second by Mr. Cole. Motion carried.

Letters of Interest on Town Agent. Four letters were received. Mr. Cole made a motion to appoint **John Adams** as Town Agent. Motion carried.

(At the May 17 meeting the Board will discuss forming a Development Review Board. This will likely change the Fair Haven Planning Commission and members may not wish to continue to serve. The fairness of making an appointment at this time was discussed. George Stannard pointed out the need for the appointment in the interest of having a quorum at meetings. He asked for at least a person is appointed as interim.)

Planning Commission Appointment: Mr. Langlois made a motion to reappoint Nicholas Michael to the Commission. There was no second and discussion followed. The motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Holzworth made a motion to appoint Roy Eckler to the Planning Commission. Second by Mr. Cole. Motion carried.

2 Letters
of interest

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

The Town Manager distributed reports for Board review. He made mention of the fact there are and will be a number of different reports. In the next few months they will determine what is adequate and not helpful to the Board.

ROUND TABLE

Town Manager Peter Hathaway discussed the proposed helicopter landing that will be just outside the Park fence on the west side as part of National Night Out.. He reported on plans being discussed for the Rt. 22A Corridor and the fact there will be holding a public meeting, asking for input. Zoning will be one concern. They are talking about doing a traffic study on the west side of the park, which is part of Rt. 22A. He reported having received a letter from a private pilot who is interested in leasing the airport. If his interest continues, he will come before the Board.

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Christopher Cole: As a result of the Board's Monday night session a Technology Committee will be formed. A notice for letters of interest will be posted on the website and the committee will be named at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Timothy Langlois: Someone mentioned to him that they would like the minutes to include the date of the next regular Select Board meeting.

Fourth Street sidewalk: The Town Manager advised this is waiting for V-TRANS (State of Vermont). They are saying they have everything and we should hear something in 4 or 5 weeks. This was said about two weeks ago. A key factor is if the project will be over or under \$250K. This will determine the time frame. A tentative time frame was discussed.

WARRANT

Mr. Holzworth made a motion to approve payment of the Payroll in the amount of \$26,373.52 and General Fund in the amount of \$61,016.34. Second by Mr. Cole. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cole made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. until the next regular meeting of the Select Board, April 19, 2011. Second by Mr. Holzworth. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain



Rod Holzworth, II, Acting Clerk