

**TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS--LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS
SELECT BOARD SESSION
April 14, 2014**

Select Board present: Chair Christopher Cole, Bob Richards, Jeff Sheldon, Dave Ward

Others present: John Lulek, Glen Roberts, Ray Phillips, Police Chief William Humphries, Recorder nWilma DeSpain, Town Manager Herb Durfee

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christopher Cole called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES

Sheldon moved to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2014 meeting. Second by Ward. All voted aye.

Sheldon moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2014 meeting. Second by Richards. All voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Lulek reported the paint on the handicap railing to the Town Office is in need of repainting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Ward reported that in recent department testing there was only one failure.

Town Manager Durfee reported on the New England Clean Power Link going underwater from Quebec to Benson then underground through Fair Haven to Ludlow. At a future date, they will approach property owners along the proposed route and give a presentation to the board. The Town will realize some level of property taxes if the project is constructed.

Durfee shared some pictures of Bolger Road that will be submitted to VTtrans to try and receive some Class 2 roadway paving funds.

Durfee also reported that he is hoping to get some financial assistance from the state on the Adams Street Bridge due to its closure.

Durfee expressed concern over the condition of the "bus station" by the Park – broken window panes, empty heroin packets, and trash/debris.

Durfee reported he is still working on the Earth Waste & Metal contract.

Durfee noted the Town is going out to bid for the cleaning and inspection of the water tanks.

Lastly, Durfee reminded board members of their special budget meetings on April 21st and 23rd.

NEW BUSINESS

Robert Sterling request for a one-time sewer abatement related to 355 gallons of water used to fill his hot tub at 124 Altofer Ave. Ward moved to grant the one-time abatement for the respective portion of the utility bill. Second by Sheldon. All voted aye.

Richards moved to approve the three requests for Coin Drops and a fourth unless a total of five

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(5) or more requests are received by 4:00 p.m. on April 15, at which point the requests would be subject to the lottery system according to the Town's Coin Drop Policy. Second by Ward. All voted aye. Requests received to date include the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the St. Mary's School Roof Fund.

Adams Street Bridge update: The foundation still has to be inspected but it appears the Town is faced with a minimum \$300,000 to \$400,000 to repair the bridge decking and rails.

Durfee handed out a draft Damage to Objects/Obstructions in Highway Right-of-Way Policy that the DPW Superintendent recommends for adoption.

OLD BUSINESS

CDL Drug and Alcohol Policy—Durfee is still working on the updated draft.

Drug Free Workplace Policy—Durfee is still working to ensure consistency between this draft and the FHPD version, including policy numbering.

Recreation Committee Membership Policy--The Board is waiting for feedback from the Committee on this.

ROUNDTABLE

Richards noted crosswalks need to be repainted. He wants an update on the budget and suggests a freeze on spending from now to the end of the fiscal year. He requested a status of Town vehicles and their replacement.

FINANCE REPORTS

Reports were provided for the Board to review. The checkbook balance is \$141,788.55

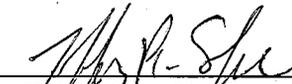
WARRANT

Sheldon moved to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$24,162.17 and General Fund--\$61,375.53 Second by Richards. All voted aye.

ADJOURN

Sheldon moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Second by Richards. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain, Recorder



Jeff Sheldon, Clerk