

**TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS--CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 21, 2014
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD SESSION**

Members Present: Chair Chris Cole, Rod Holzworth, Bob Richards, Jeff Sheldon, Dave Ward

Others Present: John Lulek, Frank Faryniaz, Jay Brown, Glen Roberts, Judy Sheldon, Tim Langlois, David Kitchin, Chuck Cacciatory, Sean Galvin, Claire Stanley, Police Chief William Humphries, Constable Donald Proctor, Neil Robinson, Ray Phillips, Mary McNeil, Recorder Wilma DeSpain, Town Manager Herb Durfee

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and the Chair asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AMENDMENT

The board agreed to add some Warrant amendments to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Claire Stanley read a statement in regard to the police department and her support on keeping the department full-time positions intact.

OLD BUSINESS

FY 2014-15 Town Budget Revision. Cole indicated that budget discussion would start with the Police Department. It was pointed out if a full-time police position is cut and the same level of service/coverage is expected, then overtime and part-time expenses would have to be increased. Police Chief Humphries pointed out that daytime calls typically are not the more serious type of calls (e.g., burglary, DUI, and illegal drugs). Humphries also noted that scheduling a part-time officer to cover a shift is increasingly getting harder to accomplish. It takes several phone calls to get one person. Richards moved to eliminate one full-time police officer that he stated would remove about \$35,000 from the budget, not including related benefits. The motion died for a lack of a second. Cole moved to set the Police Salary – Full-time line item (010-4110-10.00) at \$187,412. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1-0 (Richards opposed).

The Board discussed other line items and made the following reductions:

- Police salary – part-time from \$16,000 to \$15,000
- Police overtime from \$7,000 to \$5,500
- Police office supplies from \$1,500 to \$1,200
- Police training – dues & meetings from \$1,100 to \$1,000
- Recreation operating supplies from \$1,600 to \$1,000
- Recreation machinery & equipment from \$3,700 to \$2,500

WARRANT

Holzworth moved to pay the Warrant as follows: Payroll--\$1236.69; Union Dues--\$564.26.
Second by Ward. All voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Richards. Second by Ward. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain



Jeff Sheldon, Clerk