

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

MAY 3, 2011

Members Present: Christopher Cole, Rod Holzworth, II, Timothy Langlois, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley (Holzworth and Langlois arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

Others Present: Town Manager Peter Hathaway, Fred Capron, Bonnie Rosati, Betty Barnouw, David Calvi, Neil Robinson, Larry Hughes, Roy Eckler, Glen Roberts, Karen Close, Bob Richards, Jackie Phillips, Bob Spaulding, Jack Eaton, Ken Jones, Ray Phillips

CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Jeff Sheldon called the May 3, 2011 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2011 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Cole. Corrections: page 1, second line under Appointments with Individuals, add the word "be" between will and modeled; page 2, second paragraph, end of first line, "the pump" should be "River Street pump". As corrected, the minutes were approved.

Select Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2011 Special Session of the Select Board. Second by Select Stanley. Correction: top of page 2, a typo-"cubside", should be "curbside". As corrected, the minutes were approved.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Recreation Committee: Jackie Phillips reported the scheduling is underway for the summer ball teams--sign up sheets went out this week. She is working on signage and on getting the program on the website. Clean-up day was rained out. It will be rescheduled. Rec meetings will be posted on the website.

Teen Center: Dave Calvi, member of the Board of Directors of the Teen Center, said they are working on a lease with Mike Morgan for property on Main Street. In their planning they are working with the man who created "Chill Out" in Rutland and Burlington and they hope for something like that here. He says they (the Board of Directors) have a close connection with the college and already have had a couple of dances and a couple of movies using campus facilities. He agreed they will work with the town's recreation department.

FAN/Betty Barnouw: She reported National Night Out will be observed August 2, from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the park. This will be the ninth year for the program. She said the

group wants to have a large yard sale and she was advised to come in and work with the Town Manager on date and details.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neil Robinson wanted to know why Fair Haven was not included in the "Scenic By-Way" program. He reported that in this program they call West Rutland the "Gateway to Vermont". After some discussion the Town Manager assured the group he would be looking into it.

Fred Capron asked about building some kind of an enclosure for the "port-a-johns" to be placed in the park for the concerts. This would avoid the \$80 a night pick-up charge. The idea was not favorably received. He showed the Board what the sign will look like and other promotional materials. Again he expressed appreciation for the support he has received from various aspects of the community.

Glen Roberts questioned how the Listers are paid, versus how they were paid. The Chair advised this will be checked when it is again time to work on the budget.

Bob Richards had questions about the procedure when waste water by-passes the treatment plant and goes into the river. He also questioned the existence of a "full kitchen" at the water treatment plant and what he observed to be two police officers on duty Sunday morning.

Bob Spaulding would like to be told first hand of concerns at the transfer station.. He recently heard fourth hand about an issue. The Town Manager now has information on how to get in touch with him and such as that should not happen again.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COMMITTEES

Dave Ward reported some members of the Fire Department are learning how to drive the new truck. The truck will be out for "Spring Fling". It should be ready to be "in-service" by Sunday afternoon. He knows of some interest in the old truck that is to be sold. Discussion concluded we want to sell it however we can get the most money.

Jack Eaton reported Benson will grade our roads. He described some of the problems they had with a catch basin Sunday night. He is waiting for it to stop raining so some paving can get done.

SWAC: Bonnie Rosati reported attending a public hearing with the Agency of Natural Resource. ANR is proposing a new ticketing rule that would cover some small environmental violations. Some of the potential violations that could receive a ticket involve transfer stations, water and sewer plants. The ticketing rule is in the final rule making phase and she will keep the Board advised. In a separate discussion later -Bonnie Rosati reported "Green-Up Day" will be observed this coming Saturday. She will be at the Park with the bags for the participants

Town Manager, Mr. Hathaway reported on some requirements the VLCT is requiring relative to insurance on the three dams. Adding the dams to the town insurance policy will cost \$3,273 per year. He passed on some suggestions made by the auditor regarding meeting with the School Board, receiving reports from them, and the need to have budget related conversations with the grade school. He (auditor) noted several policies needing to be worked on and advised the Town does not have enough money in the Reserve Funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Bids for Collapsed Building at Transfer Station

Three bids were received for this project: Bob Spaulding, Taggart Bros., and Ray Phillips Const. After discussion, Select Stanley made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Second by Select Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Coin Drops. Requests to do coin drops were received from American Legion ball program, Recreation Dept., Knights of Columbus, FAN, American Legion Auxiliary, Project Graduation. The existing policy allows three coin drops. Select Cole made a motion to pick three names for coin drops. Second by Select Stanley. Two votes in favor (Selects Stanley and Cole) and three opposed (Selects Holzworth, Langlois, and Sheldon). Motion defeated. After discussion (including the fact four were picked last year), Select Langlois made a motion to pick four. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried with four votes in favor and Select Cole voting no because of the existing policy. Names were drawn from "a hat" with the winners being Project Graduation, American Legion ball program, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Recreation Dept. It was agreed the policy needs to be reviewed.

Bridge Inspection Report All bridges are inspected every two years. The current report calls them all good except the one on River Street. Select Cole made a motion to sign the Inspection Report. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

State Road Budget Class 1, 2, and 3 roads are the ones this relates to. The amount is \$84,239. Select Holzworth made a motion to accept. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Financial Policy Committee. It was agreed to ask for letters of interest for this committee. It was suggested it should be made up of the treasurer, at least one of the local auditors (possibly three), one citizen and the Town Manager

OLD BUSINESS

Letters of Interest

Hydro Committee: Motion by Select Stanley, second by Select Langlois, to table this matter until the next meeting. Time is needed to study information.

Tech Committee: Motion by Select Langlois, second by Select Cole, to get this committee started. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. At this time the members are Select Cole, Town Manager Hathaway and Ken Jones.

Delinquent Tax Policy: A new policy was given to the Board members by the Town Manager. Select Stanley (and others) wanted a copy of the old policy. The general consensus was they needed time to review the policies. Select Holzworth made a motion to table the matter so the Board can adequately review the matter. Second by Select Cole, Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Beaver Wood Energy Update: A letter to the Public Service Board, prepared by Select Stanley as Select Board Clerk, was signed by Board members. The letter is in support of Beaver Wood Energy and encourages the Public Service Board to respond to the project in a positive manner.

Municipal Building Study Bid: An existing preliminary proposal puts a \$7500 price on such a study. The consensus was such an amount of money could be used to implement some portion of the Energy Audit. Select Cole made a motion to table the issue. Second

by Select Stanley. Motion carried 4-0.

ROUND TABLE

requested status

*Suggested
by JPW*

Select Cole passed on ~~information indicating there are discussions~~ about a four day work week. This would mean four 10 hour days. The Board agreed it could be looked into. He asked about roofs on the dug-outs at the baseball field and questioned the distribution of the bags for "Green-Up Day".

Select Langlois wondered when the Blazer is to be sold, expressed an opinion that the town auditors need to confer with the Auditor, and initiated discussion about speeding problems in town.

Town Manager Hathaway reported the Vermont National Guard with its maintenance shop has a 25 year lease on the property adjacent to the airpark.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Reports were distributed for Board review. The check book has a balance of \$137,693.

SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$27,690.48; General Fund--\$32,135.09. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Select Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 p.m. Second by Select Cole. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain

Claire L. Stanley
Claire Stanley, Clerk