

**FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS--CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD SESSION
MAY 6, 2013**

Members Present: Christopher Cole, Bob Richards, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley,
Dave Ward

Others Present: Brad Aldrich, PE (A&E), Jason Booth, PE (A&E), Town Manager Herb Durfee,
Recorder Wilma DeSpain

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Cole called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

OLD BUSINESS

River Street Pump Station: The apparent low bidder for the River Street Pump Station was Miner Construction. Because there were remaining questions the additional meeting with the engineers was requested. In the interim, Durfee had a conversation with U.S.D.A. and they say the town must go with Miner Construction. Durfee pointed out Miner's lack of experience with the type of work that must be accomplished. Specifically it was pointed out they have no experience with de-watering and shoring -- two important aspects of the job. It was mentioned that too much more delay in the schedule could put the project's completion beyond the construction season.

Richards moved to proceed with offering a contract to Beldon & Co. in an amount not to exceed \$170,000 (i.e., the next lowest bidder after Miner Construction). Second by Ward. Voting in favor of the motion: Richards and Cole. Voting in opposition: Sheldon, Ward and Stanley. The motion was defeated.

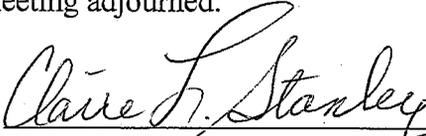
After additional discussion, Sheldon moved to proceed with offering a contract to Miner Construction in an amount not to exceed \$157,827. Second by Stanley. Voting in favor of the motion: Sheldon, Stanley, Ward. Voting in opposition: Richards and Cole. The motion passed. Cole pointed out it is unfortunate the Board really had no choice in the selection process especially after going to bid.

The question was asked: do we have the authority to issue a stop work order if things are not going well? Durfee said he will ask that question of the U.S.D.A.

ADJOURNMENT

Ward moved to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Second by Sheldon. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain



Claire Stanley, Clerk