

Fair Haven, VT Select Board, May 31, 2011
TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS--CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

MAY 31, 2011

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

Others Present: Glen Roberts, Neil Robinson, Bud Panoushek, David Ward,
Ken Jones, William Humphries, Peter Hathaway

CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Jeff Sheldon called the May 31, 2011 meeting of the
Fair Haven Select Board to order at 7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011
meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Cole. An error was noted
in the spelling of Select Holzworth first name in "Members Present". As
corrected the minutes were approved with a 4-0 vote.

Select Langlois made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special
Select Board meeting, May 23, 2011. Second by Select Cole. Motion
carried with a 4-0 vote.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

No appointments.

FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief David Ward reported the new fire truck performed well in
the parade. They recently went to a two vehicle accident on the state
line. They will be taking the new truck to Latham, N.Y. for some
attention.

Bud Panoushek said the cemetery (Cedar Grove) was ready for Memorial
Day.

There was discussion about a problem with erosion at the back of the
West Street Cemetery. Work to correct the problem will begin after July
1. Adjoining property owners need to be contacted.

Ken Jones, Animal Control Officer, spoke of a recent incident involving
three horses penned at the old fairgrounds. The landowner, Hubbardton
Forge, had refused to give permission for the horses to be kept there.
They appeared to be neglected. One had to be euthanized; the other two
were taken to a horse rescue facility. The owner is charged with
aggravated animal cruelty and will appear in court July 11.

NEW BUSINESS

Appeal Process--non-union employees. The Board reviewed documents, had
some discussion, asked for copies of the harassment policy for next
Board meeting. Select Cole made a motion to table this matter until
the next Board meeting. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried with
a 4-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Delinquent water/sewer/tax policies after discussion, Select Cole made a motion to approve the Delinquent Water/ Sewer/Tax Policies. Second by Select Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote-

Beaver Wood Energy update The Public Service Board received letters from Fair Haven in support of Beaver Wood Energy. Beaver Wood is staying on their calendar. Beaver Wood is closing on its financing and from their perspective the project is "all green lights." The Energy Bill is scheduled to be out in October.

Hydro Committee: Select Langlois made a motion to appoint Select Cole to the Hydro Committee. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

ROUNDTABLE

Town Manager Peter Hathaway advised the Board the work load at VTRANS is "backed up", meaning it could be awhile before we hear anything on the Fourth Street sidewalk. The auditor will be here Friday looking with him at the water and sewer budget which will be presented at the next Board meeting. He discussed an important Rt, 22A meeting. He indicated there may be an up to 45% grant for the River Street sewer pump station project.

Select Cole asked about paving to be done this season.

Select Langlois asked about the sale of surplus property. Reported he had a conversation with the Police Chief about the speeding problem *solution*

Select Sheldon noted there will need to be a search for new moderator. (This due to the death of Peter Neary.)

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Copies of financial statements were distributed for Board review. At this time there is \$240,518.09 in the check book In most instances, accounts have 15% of total remaining with only one month left in the fiscal year..

SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: General Fund-\$34,781.94; Payroll-\$28,610.71. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Select Cole made a motion for the Board and the Town Manager to go into Executive Session at 9:01 p.m., to discuss personnel and possible future real estate purchase options.

Second by Select Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Select Holzworth made a motion to end Executive Session at 11:10 p.m.

Second by Select Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Select Langlois made a motion to adjourn at 11:11 p.m. Second by Select Holzworth.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma B. DeSpain
Claire Stanley, Clerk

Claire L. Stanley, Clerk