

**TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN  
SELECT BOARD  
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS--CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

**JUNE 14, 2011**

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

**Others Present:** Peter Hathaway, Debi Bailey, Lucia Suarez, Greg Marcy, Glen Roberts, Suzanne Dechame, Neil Robinson, Bob Richards, Peter Laramie, Jack Eaton, Raymond Phillips, Dave Ward

**CALL TO ORDER**

The June 14, 2011 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the Chair, Jeff Sheldon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Select Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 31,2011 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Cole. Select Langlois asked for a correction to one of his comments in Roundtable. It should read that he had a conversation with the Town Manager asking him to talk with the Police Chief for suggestions regarding the speeding problem. As corrected the minutes were approved 4-0.

Select Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2011 Special Session. Second by Select Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Select Langlois made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2011 Special Session of the Select Board. Second by Select Holzworth. It was noted that the date for the minutes should be June 8, not June 7. As corrected the minutes were approved 4-0.

**APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS**

No appointments scheduled.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Debi Bailey asked if the lines in the Public Parking area are to be re-marked. She believes a policy on parking in the winter would make snow removal easier.

Neil Robinson advised he has bumper stickers in support of Beaver Wood Energy. He said there will be a Beaver Wood meeting Thursday night.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COMMITTEES**

Jack Eaton, DPW Supervisor, reported they are advertising for paving bids; information on funding to assist with the Depot St. bridge project will be available after July 1; the roadside mower broke down; flushing of the hydrants has started. It was pointed out that a program for "exercising valves" (on the fire hydrants) is needed.

Greg Marcy, acting Water Treatment Plant chief operator was introduced.

Fire Dept. Chief Dave Ward reported the department has responded on 50 runs this year.

The new truck should be back today or tomorrow. The problem was not the generator and all has been taken care of.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Interim Zoning Administrator:** Phil Adams, Zoning Administrator, is on vacation and an interim needs to be appointed. Select Cole made a motion to appoint Planning Commission Chair George Stannard as Interim Zoning Administrator, June 18-July 4. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

**Water/Sewer Budget:** The Board reviewed the budget as presented. There is a 4% increase in the budget. Items mentioned related to this included increases in health insurance and in getting rid of sludge. After considerable discussion Select Langlois made a motion to table any action until the next regular meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Peter Laramie and Greg Marcy are asked to attend the meeting June 28.

(The Chair declared at two minute break--8:15 to 8:17.)

**Technology Committee:** Select Cole reported the committee is recommending changing "the host" being used with the internet. The one currently being used costs \$480 a year. The new one is \$50 a year. The committee is recommending a Face Book page for the town.

**Driveway Permit:** Select Cole made a motion to approve a driveway permit for David A. Frost, 26 West Street. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Bid Opening:** Only one bid was received for the work to be done on the Park and Ride Information Booth. Select Langlois made a motion to table action until the next regular meeting of the Board. Second by Select Cole. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Two bids were received on the old fire truck. Tri-State Auto Brokers-\$1,883; Salisbury Fire Dept.-\$20,000. Select Cole made a motion to accept the bid of Salisbury Fire Dept. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote

### OLD BUSINESS

**Update on Dams:** Select Stanley made a motion to rescind the motion of May 17, 2011 that called for setting up the closing on the dams. Second by Select Langlois. Bob Richards voiced his objection calling the proposed use of the dams a "unique opportunity as a town to do something that will lower our taxes." In discussion it was pointed out a title search must be done on the dams and a ~~\$19,000~~<sup>\$5,000</sup> cost for this was suggested. Once the town owns the dams, the state will require annual inspections with the town being required to repair deficiencies. A lengthy discussion brought out the pros and cons of dam ownership and the impact hydro power could mean. The reality of associated unknown costs is a significant concern. Just before the Chair called for a vote on the motion, Select Holzworth said he was in favor of hydro power but there are too many unknowns in this project. When the Chair called for a vote on the motion there were three in favor and Select Cole voted no.

Select Holzworth made a motion to do a title search on the three dams in support of the quick claim deeds. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried 3-1. Select Langlois voting no.

**Non-union Employees Appeal Process:** Changes previously recommended by the

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Board were reviewed. Select Cole made a motion to adopt the Appeal Process for Non-Union Employees. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

#### **REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS**

The Town Manager provided Financial Reports for the Board to review. He said we will be close on the budget. Delinquent tax bills have gone from 199 to approximately 50.

#### **ROUNDTABLE**

**Select Cole** inquired about the sale of the police car. He asked about the Development Review Board. He wondered about the Fourth Street sidewalk and was advised we still can't do anything on it. The State is still reviewing.

**Select Holzworth** asked about the Town Moderator position and was told the position has been posted. He suggested more attention needs to be given to mowing the grass at the Viet Nam Memorial. He said "802 Creative Partners" is interested in talking with the Board. He will invite a representative to a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Town Manager Peter Hathaway** shared a number of "thank you" letters the town received. He has a meeting scheduled with Jackie to go over playground plans.

**Select Stanley** spoke of the opportunity to promote Beaver Wood Energy on the Poultney radio station later this week.

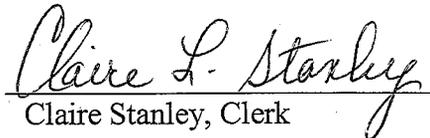
#### **SIGNING OF WARRANT**

Select Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: General Fund--\$122,942.17 Payroll--\$29,215.34 Second by Select Holzworth.. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Select Cole made a motion to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wilma B. DeSpain

  
Claire Stanley, Clerk