

**FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS--CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 24, 2013**

Members Present: Chris Cole, Bob Richards, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley, Dave Ward
Others Present: Jenny Bertrum, David Sichel, Larry Smith, John Lulek, RoseAnne Vanlew, Jane Ellis, Glen Roberts, Wilma DeSpain, Police Chief Bill Humphries, Town Manager Herb Durfee

CALL TO ORDER

Selectboard Chair Chris Cole called the June 24, 2013 meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge to the Flag.

WORK SESSION

A work session was immediately convened under the leadership of David Sichel from VLCT. Sichel spoke on the state's Vermont Health Connect and the Vermont Health Exchange which takes effect January 1, 2014. Between October 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013, municipalities in the Exchange and their employees must have made all decisions relative to their health insurance for 2014. The board noted that a letter of intent to negotiate a health care change agreement has been filed with the union.

RECESS FOR BOARD OF ABATEMENT MEETING

The Select Board recessed at 6:30 p.m. for a Board of Abatement meeting.

RECONVEVE SELECTBOARD MEETING

Cole reconvened the Select Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

It was noted Roundtable had been omitted from the original agenda. By consensus, it was added before Review of Finance Reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6/10/2013--Sheldon moved to approve the minutes of the June 10 Select Board meeting. Second by Stanley. All voted aye.

6/19//2013--Sheldon moved to approve the minutes of the Special Session, June 19. Second by Ward. All voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jane Ellis reported her water bill was 7,000 gallons of excess use, something she cannot explain. She discovered the hose was running but she had not left it on. She asked the Board to give her some relief. After discussion, the board asked to discuss the issue with the Town Manager to see if an agreement can be worked out.

Glen Roberts noted his observation of non-activity on the part of workers in the park.

DEPARTMENT HEAD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Chief Bill Humphries reported the department as part of winning a state competition was awarded a radar-based, speed warning unit. He is trying to decide the most advantageous placement. It is not portable equipment so he wants it to be in the most helpful area.

Town Manager Durfee reported a storm water infrastructure mapping project is in the works. We will get a report on the findings and there will be grant funding available to aid in corrections. He has photographs of the slate repairs on a portion of the Town Office roof. He also said the cost of flood insurance is going up.

RoseAnne VanLew, alternate representative, shared with the Board her notes from a recent Rutland Regional Planning Commission meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Eloise D. Wemette Memorial: To date, \$815 has been received for this memorial to be used for the West Street Cemetery. It was suggested the Cemetery Committee would be the best group to decide on the use of the donations.

Policies: No decision was made on which policies to review next. Durfee spoke of the fact many of the policies he has found are neither signed nor dated. Work on the policies will continue.

Rutland Regional Planning Commission: Stanley moved to reappoint Lauritz Rasmussen as Fair Haven representative to the RRPC and RoseAnn VanLew as the alternate. Second by Ward. All voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

Water and Sewer Budget: Durfee gave an overview of the budget to date. Given the board's previous discussion, he recommended substituting \$25,000 for construction of the chlorine feed building for the \$18,000 new personnel line item in the capital reserve fund. With that change he felt the board was ready to adopt the budget. The board agreed to the change but wanted to review a revised spreadsheet before adopting the budget. The board agreed to finish the budget at its July 8 meeting along with setting the Water & Sewer Rates for FYE 2014.

Cemetery Committee By-Laws: On motion by Richards, second by Ward, the Selectboard unanimously approved the Cemetery By-Laws.

Delinquent Dog Licenses: The Board members agreed to take their delinquent dog license lists and mark off dogs no longer in existence based on their knowledge. In addition, Animal Control, is going to make some phone calls in hopes of determining which dogs no longer exist and which ones just haven't been registered. If they still have the dog(s) they will be advised to come in for license.

Possible Park Ordinance Amendment: The Board discussed an amendment to the Park Ordinance that would ban smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco products in the Park. After discussion, the board agreed to hold a public hearing on July 22 based on an amendment that would ban smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco products within the confines of the white fenced area of the Park.

CONTRACT--POLICE CHIEF SALARY

Durfee indicated that based on the approved budget and based upon previous discussion

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of other employee salaries for fiscal year 2014 the Police Chief should receive a 2.08% increase. By consensus, the board agreed.

ROUNDTABLE

Stanley reminded the Board there are still trees in the park needing replacement. Richards asked who is taking care of the park (mowing, etc). He does not think it was done well the last two times. He was advised they are on notice to do better.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Durfee gave Board members finance reports for their review. The checkbook balance is \$372,796.50

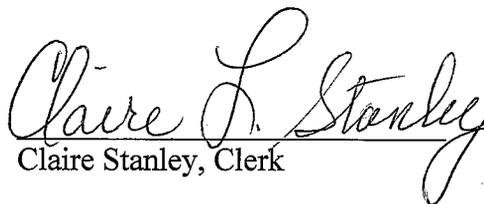
SIGNING OF WARRANT

Stanley moved to pay the warrants as follows: General Fund--\$69,590.22, Payroll--\$29,173.70. Second by Ward. All voted aye.

ADJOURN

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain


Claire Stanley, Clerk