

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

**SELECT BOARD
JULY 10, 2012**

Members Present: Christopher Cole, Timothy Langlois, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley, David Ward

Others Present: Peter Hathaway, Lucia Suarez, Jane Ellis, Neil Robinson, Larry Hughes, John Lulek, Rod Holzworth, II, Bonnie Rosati, Patrick Frazier, Ray Phillips, Lauritz Rasmussen, Edmund Tacey, Tracy Richards, Desiree Boucher, Ron Adams, Chief William Humphries

CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Cole called the July 10, 2012 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board to order at 7 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Sheldon moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2012 meeting. Second by Select Stanley. Corrections: page two under Public Comment--a sentence should read "Select Sheldon moved to postpone the ordering of signs regarding walking of dogs in the cemetery. Second by Select Langlois." In Roundtable--Select Stanley asked if constables *are* certified and was informed *they are*. Under Review of Financial Reports--it should read "The 010. Fund was in the 90% range." Under Executive Session: omit "The Board Chair reported there was no action in the session." With corrections, all voted aye.

Select Sheldon moved to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2012 Select Board Special Session. Second by Select Langlois. Correction: Select Ward was not present. Omit "No action taken." under Executive Session (line four).

Select Stanley moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2012 Select Board Special Session. Second by Select Langlois. Corrections: In "Others Present" --Loveall is spelled Lovell. Omit "No action taken in Executive Session." (Line five under Executive Session.)

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Bonnie Rosati reported the Spring Green-Up event was very successful. Last year there were 15 participants. This year there were 32. A like fall event will be October 20.

Desiree Boucher is the Loft 89 director. She came to the Select Board to discuss the "financial crisis" threatening the teen center. She has been unable to secure any grant money, has been to donors of the past without any real success, she has not received her last two pay checks and she is now appealing to the Select Boards of the involved towns

for \$5,000 each. Tracy Richards also spoke length, reinforcing the concerns, the commitment to new and improved directions and the need for funds. Patrick Frazier spoke as Chairman of the Board of Directors. He reported all workers at the teen center are certified with background checks, etc. He says the Board wants to see sustainability”.

Lauritz Rasmussen: Select Ward moved to appoint Lauritz Rasmussen as the town’s representative to the Rutland County Planning Commission. Second by Select Stanley. All voted aye. Mr. Rasmussen spoke briefly regarding his background, including his previous membership on the Commission.

Ron Adams said at the outset he was using the Select Board meeting as a forum to say a few things related to how to help Beaver Wood. He provided the Board with a document containing thought provoking questions he believes are keys to the successful future of Beaver Wood in Fair Haven.. He believes the legislators are among those who need to think about his questions. He is willing to be a spokesperson for the project. He asked for the support of the Select Board and suggested a meeting was in order. Select Stanley felt Beaver Wood needed to be contacted for their input. The Board will place this on their agenda for discussion at a Planning Session scheduled for Monday evening, July 16.

(Break between 8:55 and 9:07 p.m)}

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Hughes reported the Fair Haven High class of 1957, as part of their recent reunion, toured their “old high school”. He also expressed the idea that Scotch Hill Road needs to be lined. He noted the bag rate at the transfer station has been raised. He strongly believes the permit cost should be raised and permits should be checked.

Neil Robinson asked about the painting of crosswalks.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Bill Humphries reported Eden Neary has finished school. The Chief informed the Board the State Police Barracks in Castleton may be closing as one of “money saving moves“. If this happens, he asked, how does the Board feel about them moving in with us? One plus would be they would maintain the police department internal connection. “It can be done”, he said, adding, there might be some growing pains.

The Chief reported 115 arrests this year to date, compared with 120 last year.

Fire Chief Dave Ward reported the department is doing air pack testing.

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Deeds: Select Stanley moved to sell Lot 41, Section 11 to Gary Muzzy. Second by Select Sheldon. All voted aye. Select Sheldon moved to sell Lot 72, Section 17 to Frank and Rebecca Sheldrick. Second by Select Langlois. All voted aye.

Easement to State: Select Sheldon moved to authorize the Town Manager to grant a temporary easement to the State of Vermont for logging operations. Second by Select Ward. The Town Manager is to ask the attorney if we have protection from environmental issues. All voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

Recreation Policy: Select Sheldon moved to approve the following addendum to the Recreation Policy. "The Policy will allow up to one person from West Haven with a child in the program to be a member of the governing body." Second by Selectr Langlois. All voted aye.

ROUNDTABLE

Town Manager Peter Hathaway initiated a brief discussion about the over-run on the Fourth Street sidewalk. The West Street mowing looks good. The Fourth Street sidewalk is ready for final inspection.

Select Stanley pointed out there are three replacement trees needed in the park.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Finance reports were provided for Board review. The checkbook balance is \$396,905.08

SIGNING OF WARRANTS

Select Sheldon moved to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$20,807.81; General Fund--\$33,194.72 Second by Select Stanley. All voted aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Select Stanley moved to go to Executive Session at 10:16 p.m with the Board and Town Manager to discuss personnel and legal matters. Second by Select Sheldon. All voted aye.. Select Stanley moved to come out of Executive Session at 11 p.m. Second by Select Langlois. All voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Select Langlois moved to adjourn at 11:01 p.m. Second by Select Stanley. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain

Claire Stanley, Clerk