

# Town of Fair Haven

## Board of Selectmen Water and Sewer Commissioners Liquor Commissioners – Cemetery Commissioners

July 13, 2010

Board Members Present: Ron Adams, Julie Ellis, Jeff Sheldon, Ray Bunker, Claire Stanley

Board Member Absent: None

Others Present: Serena Williams- Town Manager; Jack Eaton- Superintendent of Public Works,  
John Lulek, Roy Eckler, Jay Brown, Mike Mullin, Tim Rice-Wilk Paving, Karen close,  
Bob Richards, Larry Hughes, Neil Robinson, Eric Hansen-Rutland County Forester

### CALL TO ORDER

Ron Adams, Chair, called to meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Julie Ellis moved the Board to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2010 regular meeting. Jeff Sheldon seconded. Motion carried.

Julie Ellis moved the Board to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010 special meeting. Ray Bunker seconded. Motion carried.

### APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

#### Fair Haven Forest Plan

Eric Hanson, Rutland County Forester provided an overview of a forest management plan. The Fair Haven forest Management Plan was drafted in 1998 by Phil Stannard, SR. Data was collected on what types of trees are in the forest, then a 15 year plan was developed for the management of the forest. The town forest is broken into different stands by type of tree, age of trees and physical features of the land etc. The plan would outline what should be cut and when it should be done. The town needs to find out what in the plan has been done to date.

The process to go forward would be to have the town forester mark the trees to be cut, estimate what is there that will be cut, put the project out to bid for timber sale showing where the forester shows all the interested loggers around the project, then about two weeks later the bids are opened. The bid specs should include any special considerations such as equipment not allowed etc. The forester acts as agent for the property owner through the cutting and closing. The foresters follows the project, checking to make sure only the trees marked are taken, there is no undue damage etc. The forester would ensure the project is closed out properly including road, landings, tops of trees removed etc. The Town would have a contract directly with the logger. There is a potential conflict if the forester is a logger and purchases the logs.

The numbers in the current forest management plan may not be correct. The Town should talk with the Town Forester on how he is going to update the current plan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Paving Bids

There were bids received from Wilk, Pike and Peckham. Two quotes for requested. One for Fourth Street the other for Cottage/Maple Street/Maple Street Ext.

Fourth Street bid is for 3 inch cold plain, finish and install 2 inch base course and 1 inch top course.

Peckham - 4<sup>th</sup> Street

\$84,724 -if Peckham keeps the grindings

\$94,776 -if the town keeps the grindings

Wilk - 4<sup>th</sup> Street

\$104,543- the town keeps the grindings

Pike - 4<sup>th</sup> Street

\$ 91,617.24 does not include cold plain

\$ 19,620 - added if cold plain required

Total \$111,237.24

Cottage Street/Maple Street/Maple Street Ext is to install a ¾ inch shim and finish.

Peckham - Cottage/Maple/Maple Street Ext

\$28,165

Wilk - Cottage/Maple/Maple Street Ext

\$29,182

Pike- Cottage/Maple/Maple Street Ext

\$27,324.44

Julie Ellis moved the Board to accept the bid of Wilk Paving for \$104,543 for Fourth Street and \$29,182 for Cottage Street/Maple Street/Maple Street Ext for a total of \$133,725. Jeff Sheldon seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jay Brown would like to see more ground off South Main Street toward the end of the construction zone. The area in question is within the State Highway Begins Here zone. Mr. Brown also asked if a 1 inch coat was going to be put over the entire road.

Jack Eaton will get an estimated cost for putting a 1 inch shim coat over the entire section.

The Select Board will hold an emergency meeting on July 14, 2010 at noon to make a change to the Fabian Contract for South Main Street. Jack Eaton will have a firm cost before the meeting.

At this time the board took a short break beginning at 8:05 pm and reconvened at 8:10pm.

Neal Robinson asked if the Teen Center had been informed about petitioning the town for funds. The Teen Center was told they should not petition Fair Haven as they were receiving a lot from the town

already.

The town is providing lights, heat, water sewer etc as Fair Haven's contribution.

Mr. Robinson says that monetary issues should go to the voters.

Bob Richards asked about the dam deed. Ms. Williams indicated that a new deed had been sent to Vermont Structural slate. Vermont Structural does not want to give up their rights to the penstock that is underground in the river. Vermont Structure could still pull water with the penstock. Vermont Structural wants the penstock blocked off/capped and it shall be the sole responsibility of the town to do so immediately after receiving written notice from Vermont Structural. This is the causeway that goes into the mill.

It is not know if this penstock would be needed for any hydro project.

Bob Richards asked when the Regional Police force would come to a public vote. There have been no meetings of the Regional Force committee since the informational meeting. There were 12 people at the informational meeting. Before a regional police force was created a public vote would need to be held. Police Merger voter commitment will be on the next agenda.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

Jack Eaton-DPW reported the stump in the park would be removed. Sheldon Road will be brush hogged tomorrow. Three memory trees were planted yesterday near the Christmas Tree.

Mr. Eaton commented that the Lumber Jack show did an excellent job of cleaning up the park at the end of the event.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### Listers Errors & Omissions

Roy Eckler's tax bill was incorrect. The notice of appraisal was for \$187,500 but the tax bill was for \$197,500 which is incorrect.

Claire Stanley moved the Board to correct the assessment of the Roy Eckler from \$197,500 to \$187,500. Ray Bunker seconded. Motion carried.

##### ZBA-Reappoint Members

The ZBA members are Ed Brown, Joel Smith and Chris Cole. Ed Brown and Joel Smith indicated that they would like to be reappointed. They have been unable to contact Chris Cole

Claire Stanley moved the Board to re-appoint Ed Brown, Joel Smith and Chris Cole to the ZBA for ~~four~~ <sup>4 year</sup> terms subject to Chris Coles acceptance. Terms to expire in 2014. Ray Bunker seconded. Motion carried.

##### Walker's International Events-Circus

Walker's would like to hold a circus. They would like to hold this one day event on August 6, 2010. The Airpark would be the only location big enough. The town would provide water/sewer and rubbish removal. The question was asked if their vehicles would fit under the underpass. The amount of the rental fee was discussed. They need a 300 by 300 foot site. The question was asked if it had to be held

on town property. Circuses usually want a place with high visibility.

Claire Stanley moved the Board to give Walker's International Events permission to use the Airpark for a circus. Ray Bunker seconded. Discussion: How much garbage will they generate, the underpass, where would they be located at the Airpark, water usage, what will the rent be. It was suggested that the request be denied this year and get the information for next year. Motion failed on a vote of 1 YES and 4 NO votes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Scrap Metal & Tire Contracts – Spaulding

The Board reviewed the scrap metal & tire contracts and amended the contract by removing the retired demo box on the wall for scrap metal. This retired demo box on the wall was crossed out on the contract and initialed by Board members.

Julie Ellis moved the Board to accept the Spaulding Enterprises Scrap metal contract as amended. Ray Bunker seconded. Motion carried.

Julie Ellis moved the Board to accept the Spaulding Enterprises Tire contract. Claire Stanley seconded. Motion carried.

Both contracts were signed by the Board.

### **REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS**

Ms. Williams reported the end of year closeout shows a projected general fund surplus of \$7,040.93. However, she is waiting for the auditors. The surplus may be a little more. There is \$142,000 in delinquent taxes as of June 30, 2010. Public Works has a surplus of \$21,208. Distribution of the delinquent taxes will determine the surplus of the general fund.

### **REPORT OF BOARD**

Serena Williams reported that tax bills have gone out. VLCT has been in to discuss the various health insurance programs that are available. VLCT needs to talk with the Union about the health insurance plans.

A meeting between VLCT and the Union will be scheduled for July 30, 2010 at 10:00 am.

Claire Stanley had nothing to report.

Ray Bunker had nothing to report.

Julie Ellis wants agencies that produce glossy pamphlets to be contacted about the waste of taxpayer dollars.

Jeff Sheldon asked about the paving schedule.

Ron Adams had nothing to report.

### **SIGNING OF THE WARRANT**

Claire Stanley moved the Board to approve payroll in the amount of \$25,892.59 and General Fund

expenses of \$47,093.69. Julie Ellis seconded. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Julie Ellis moved the Board to enter executive session for a Union Contract matter. Claire Stanley seconded. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 9:44 pm. Out of executive session at 10:18 pm

Julie Ellis moved the Board to appoint Claire Stanley and Ray Bunker to negotiate with the Union. Jeff Sheldon seconded. Motion carried.

Claire Stanley will draft a letter to the Union.

Claire Stanley moved the Board to adjourn. Jeff Sheldon seconded. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

10:21 PM - Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bonnie Rosati

*Claire R. Stanley*  
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Clerk of the Board

*7-27-10*  
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Date