

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

JULY 27, 2010

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

Others Present: Jay Brown, Lorraine Brown, Patrick Frazier, Neil Robinson, Jack Eaton, Ken Jones, Town Manager Serena Williams

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ron Adams called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., July 27, 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2010 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Julie Ellis. A correction was noted on page 3, next to the bottom paragraph, should read "four year term each." As corrected, the motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote. Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2010 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried with a 4 to 0 vote.

FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Jay Brown told the Board he believes Phil Stannard, Jr. is due an apology for not having been invited to the July 13 Board meeting where Forester Eric Hanson spoke with the Board. Discussion indicated there was some belief he had been invited. Town Manager apologized for any oversight. It was pointed out Mr. Hanson was very complimentary of Mr. Stannard in his remarks. Mr. Brown raised questions regarding the number of employees at the water treatment plant, a \$4,000 salary increase for an employee, and the unmarked police cars.

Neil Robinson questioned how employees are compensated when they use their personal vehicle in connection with their work. He noted a 33% increase in his tax bill and pointed out Fair Haven has the highest tax rate, as well as water rate, in Rutland County.

Patrick Frazier spoke of the urine smell by the fountain in the park and was told it is the odor from the bushes. He also mentioned the graffiti on the gazebo walls and was told this is being taken care of. Greater cooperation between the town and the public can help keep situations like this under better control.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Lorraine Brown-Health Officer-Ms. Brown questioned why we have a Health Officer living out of town. She noticed that it was being addressed later in the meeting. She had words of appreciation for John Lulek, the previous Health Officer, and questioned why and how the manner in which he was replaced. The Chair advised the position is filled by the state, will be advertised, and in the meantime the State says the Chairmen of the Selectmen is the acting Health Officer

Phil Stannard, Jr-Fair Haven Forest Plan--Discussion served to clarify his position as well as the plan which is 12 years old. Information is needed regarding how much work specified by the plan has been done, how many marked trees are still uncut, etc. The Chair clarified Stannard was hired by the Town as Forest Manager and will continue in that capacity. Stannard is to be in contact with the Town Manager to prepare a time line for what is to be done. The Chair emphasized this issue to be "transparent." It was suggested Stannard's name and phone number be added to the list of town officials.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COMMITTEES

Jack Eaton, Public Works, reported the work on South Main Street is complete. The work on repaving of Fourth Street will begin August 10. There was discussion regarding catch basins, water problem work on Pleasant Street, and a letter from a resident with allegations of damage done to her property by town employees.

NEW BUSINESS

Grand List-sign off, 04/01/09: This is traditional action. Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the Grand List of 04/01/09. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Listers' errors and omissions-Edward and Georgiana Brown: Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the memorandum from the Listers reassessing the footage of the Brown property and thus decreasing their property value from ~~\$170,000~~ to ~~\$169,900~~. Second by Claire Stanley. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote. *171,000 170,900*

Driveway permit-Brian Bowen: Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the driveway permit of Brian Bowen. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Health Officer-Resignation: Claire Stanley made a motion to accept the resignation of Health Officer Jodie Hewes with regret. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. An advertisement will ask for letters of interest to be considered at the August 10 meeting.

Police Merger: A letter was shared asking that the voters be given an opportunity to vote on the police merger issue. The Chair (who also chairs the merger committee) advised he has heard nothing from anyone since the last meeting. He believes there is a general lack of interest.

Paving Budget: Sufficient funds remain to have a 1 inch shim applied to the Sheldon Road. Claire Stanley moved to go out for bid on shimming Sheldon Road. Second by Ray Bunker. Town Manager is to contact the five contractors who bid on the regular paving job. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

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REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Town Manager reported the 09/10 year is closed out. Water and Sewer remain "in the red." Reports were given the Board for review.

REPORTS OF BOARDS

Town Manager Serena Williams reported she received a call from the Agency of Transportation in regards to the cross-walk. No change can be made without state and federal approval. The Fair Haven Redevelopment Corporation has not been active for several years. It is now disbanded. Ed Brown presented her with a check for \$8000 from the Corporation. It was deposited to the water department capital improvement fund. We will receive \$606.88 for repair of window broken some time ago. It will probably come in four payments. Roof on the Transfer Station was damaged. Insurance company asked for an estimate to repair it. She got an estimate of \$1850 to fix it and advised the insurance company. She has received a check for that amount from the insurance company. We need clarification on some concerns related to the Teen Center. Ms. Schneider will be asked to meet with the Board to clarify some concerns. Town Manager says she will be on vacation August 19 and 20.

Claire Stanley says she has information on a wellness program. It is a CD and employees need to see it. She had high words of praise for the job Public Works employees have been doing this summer.

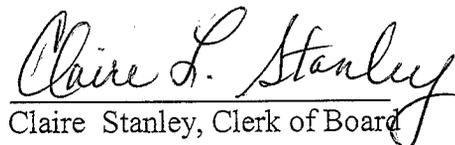
SIGNING OF WARRANT

Claire Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll-\$30,372.55; General Fund-\$274,780.14. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Julie Ellis made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Second by Claire Stanley. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain


Claire Stanley, Clerk of Board