

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

AUGUST 10, 2010

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

Others Present: Town Manager Serena Williams, Jane Ellis, Larry Hughes, Neil Robinson, Karen Close, Debi Bailey, Jay Brown, Bob Richards, Steve Wilk, Phil Stannard, Jr., Shaun Tomasi, Danielle Tomasi

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Select Board, August 10, 2010, was called to order at 7 p.m. by Board Chair Ron Adams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2010 meeting. Second by Julie Ellis. A correction on page 2, paragraph four: the amounts should be \$171,000 to \$170,900. The minutes were approved as corrected, all voting in favor.

FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Neil Robinson had questions about the crosswalk downtown. The minutes had indicated Serena had a phone conversation about the crosswalk. It was with the District Manager and she learned we might be in violation if we move it. He is advising the town lost its right to changes once Rt. 4A work was completed. He is checking into this and will get back to her. Others entered in the crosswalk discussion as well.

Larry Hughes had questions about rates at the transfer station. He believes permits are not on windshields, he observes New York State cars using the facility. Attendants (he reports) say it is not their job to confirm the entitlement of all the users. There was considerable discussion about the transfer station permits, solutions, etc.

Jay Brown questioned why the "water treatment plant person" got such a big raise. Select Stanley explained the state requires the town to have a person with a specific classification in charge of the plant. John Root had that classification which keeps us in compliance; also he needed the classification of "Supervisor." All this was done, also, to keep the town from losing certification. Brown also asked about the hold-up on the Fourth Street sidewalk. A new man in charge of the program at the state level determined the town must do an archeological study on the area. We are working to comply with that. It was pointed out we have been awarded a grant, but the town does not have access to the money until all preliminary work is done. Once the work is allowed to begin, money comes only on a reimbursement basis.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Shaun Tomasi came before the Board with questions regarding problems he is having getting approval for installation of a toilet and sink in his River Street property. His buildings on the property are identified as a storage building or as parking and storage. Discussion indicated there are some compliance issues and some lack of understanding. Among other things, he was advised to consult with his engineer and send forms to the state. He also needs to be in contact with the Zoning Board of Adjustment. It was agreed Tomasi, and the Board Chair will meet to work on concerns or issues still existing.

Phil Stannard, Jr., the town forester, met with the Board to discuss the time line for the Fair Haven Forest Management. He hopes to have the Plan up-date ready by October 1. He plans to work in the Inman Pond section first. He believes that can be done in time to take advantage of good winter prices for logs. With Parcel II-- Howard and Sheldon Ponds-- he hopes to have its inventory complete by July 1, 2011. Following discussion that included the fund from which payment should come, Julie Ellis made a motion to accept Phil Stannard's timeline, and after the Town receives itemized statements, payment is to come from Water Shed Road Reserve Fund. Second by Jeff Sheldon. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Julie Ellis made a motion to deposit the profit from timber sales to Water Capital Improvement Fund. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

(The chair declared a five minute recess at 8:20 p.m.)

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COMMITTEES

Fire Chief Dave Ward reported someone had been to the plant where the new truck is being made and it all seems great.

NEW BUSINESS

Final W&S Permit Approval: Brian and Brenda Bowen request approval of a water and sewer permit for their two bedroom residence to be constructed on Park Avenue. They have their state approval. Julie Ellis made a motion to approve their water and sewer application. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Claire Stanley made a motion to accept their water and sewer connection application. Second by Ray Bunker. All fees have been paid. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Health Officer--Letters of Interest: No letters of interest were received in response to the advertisement for Health Officer. The Chair will continue to be the contact and the position will be advertised on the website.

Paving Bids were requested for putting a 1 inch shim on Sheldon Road. They were received as follows: Pike Industries-\$48,926.93; Wilk Paving, \$48,237.00; Peckum-\$44,330. Ray Bunker made a motion to accept the low bid of Peckum. Second by Jeff Sheldon. In discussion it was pointed out the town tries to support local people and Peckum is from Glens Fall. The motion was defeated with one vote in favor (Ray Bunker) and four opposing. Julie Ellis made a motion to hire Wilk. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Mr. Wilk was asked if he could postpone the job for two weeks as there are two culverts needing attention. He agreed. The motion passed with four voting in favor and

one (Bunker) opposing. Jay Brown spoke in opposition to the bids being opened before the meeting. It was explained this allows for the clarification that is sometimes necessary.

Deed Authorization: Attorney Bloomer has advised the procedure necessary to clarify the deed on the Robert's property. In connection with this, Jeff Sheldon made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the Quitclaim deed for the Robert's property. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote (Adams abstaining).

Fire Truck/bid to sell: The internet sale of the 1982 GMC fire truck finished August 9 with 70 bids; the final one being \$2575. Chief Ward reported he had local bids for \$800 and \$1,000. Julie Ellis made a motion to accept the bid of \$2575. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

OLD BUSINRS

There was no Old Business.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

The Town Manager provided reports for Board review. She reported 65% of first quarter taxes are paid. The school payment, estimated at \$434,592, will soon be due. That will leave us with \$177,031. And, there will be some paving money to come out of that.

REPORTS OF BOARDS

Town Manager Serena Williams reported a letter has been received regarding upcoming Union contract negotiations to meet on September 7th or 9th. The Selectmen would like to meet with them on September 9th at 10 a.m. Peter Root is to be contacted on the date and time. The Crop Walk is scheduled for September 26, 1 to 4 p.m. Reminder, August 23, 7 p.m., there will be a meeting at the grade school in preparation for action on the Warning on the Bond vote for August 24. Forty-five of the marble posts for the park fence are finished. Signs calling attention to a bad curve and 20 miles per hour speed limit will be posted on the Green Road and also a hidden drive. Recently there have been two incidents at that location. Seven properties have been turned over to the Town's Attorney for tax sale. Community Kids graduation is going to be in the park on August 23rd at 6 p.m. The Apple Fest will be in the park, September 18th, rain date is September 25. Last winter, Public Works hit one of the bulb-outs with the snow plow. The town submitted an estimate for repair to the insurance company and expected to hear something. Instead, with no other comment, the town has received a check for replacement in the amount of \$7213. The town will add \$500 for purchase of a new plow.

Claire Stanley advised employee evaluations will be on the next agenda. Job descriptions are about complete. Jackie is overworked with playground activities, baseball, and does not really have time for the Concerts in the Park series. A volunteer, Fred Capon has agreed to take over the promotion of Concerts in the Park.

Ray Bunker asked for status on the fence behind the Stockwell property. He was told nothing is being done on it at this time.

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Ron Adams reported the Archery League has finished for the season and turned over \$1,825 to the Recreation Department (It was agreed the Recreation Committee is doing a great job with activities.) He suggested creating a walking trail at the Air Park.

SIGNING OF WARRANT

Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$31,162.57; General Fund--\$73,291.51. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Julie Ellis made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Second by Jeff Sheldon. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma DeSpain



Claire Stanley, Clerk of the Board