

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

**AUGUST 21, 2012
SELECT BOARD SESSION**

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

Others Present: Bill Humphries, Lucia Suarez, Richard Frazier, Jane Ellis, John Lulek, Marian Lulek, Glen Roberts, Paul Cummings, Jack Seamon, Allen Bowen, Francis Owen, Sharon Mallette, Patrick Frazier, Carol Laramie, Joe Laramie, Bonnie Rosati, Neil Robinson, Larry Hughes, Debi Bailey, Charlotte Capron, Mary McNeil, Bob Richards, Ray Pentkowski

CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Cole called the meeting 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 August 7, 2012 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Langlois. Correction: Bottom of page 1, under Public Comment--"Night Out" should be "Marble Post Dedication". As corrected, all voted to approve.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

No appointments

PUBLIC COMMENT

More than half a dozen concerned residents were recognized during a lengthy "Public Comment" session. The comments were mainly prompted by reaction to the recent resignation of the Town Manager. The Board was challenged to "make good decisions", also to not be led by outside sources. On the other side, one suggested the town is in trouble because of the Board. "A lawsuit is coming," was one statement. It seemed information that should have remained within the Select Board, did not. The Board remained silent on matters related to the resignation of Town Manager Peter Hathaway, although opinions expressed were in support of him as well as negative.

*according to
Bob Richards*

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Dept. Chief David Ward reported he is planning to have some of the department

members participate in the upcoming (Sept. 22 and Oct.13) West Street Cemetery project.

Police Chief Bill Humphries advised this is being a very busy time for his department.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Committee Member: Select Sheldon moved to appoint Kim Ezzo, West Haven, to the Recreation Committee. Second by Select Stanley. All voted aye.

Cemetery Deed: Select Sheldon moved to sell one grave in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot 167, Section 11 to Charles and Mary L. Martin. Second by Select Stanley. All voted aye.

Charlotte Capron spoke of the progress and continuing work to be done at the West Street Cemeteries. She is planning for two work days, September 22 and October 13, and asking for volunteers to show up on those days with work gloves, rakes, shovels, etc. She has learned of some grants that might be available. They each have a top amount of \$500. She asked if the interest earned on cemetery investments could be available to the Cemetery Committee for their work.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

ROUNDTABLE

Select Stanley reported she and Select Cole attended the Benson Select Board meeting in ~~behalf~~ *support of* of Beaver Wood. They were well received and the Benson Select Board voted to support the endeavor. Comments were made by Benson people in appreciation of the assistance Benson is receiving from the Fair Haven Police Department.

Manager Humphries reported the Beaver Wood questionnaire on the town website has received 25 responses, all positive. 360 questionnaires have been sent to state officials, senators and representatives.

Board Chair Cole said the Town Manager Search Committee will meet at 7 p.m., September 6, mainly for organization.

Select Stanley reported the Town Fair (state-wide) with "Meet the Candidates" is October 4 and she would like to attend. Approval was given.

The annual Crop Walk is September 30. The police department will work with traffic control for the event.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Finance reports were given to the Board for review. The checkbook balance is \$742,605.69

SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley moved to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$29,385.29; General Fund--\$62,265.58. Second by Select Ward. All voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Select Langlois moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Second by Select Stanley. Meeting adjourned

Fair Haven, VT August 21, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma B. DeSpain

Claire L. Stanley
Claire Stanley, Board Clerk