

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

**AUGUST 23, 2011
SELECT BOARD MEETING**

Members Present: Christopher Cole, Rod Holzworth, II, Timothy Langlois, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley

Others Present: Peter Hathaway, John Lulek, Lucia Suarez, Glen Roberts, Bill Bowman, Richard Dow, Debi Bailey, Karen Close, Suzanne Duchame, Janet Currie, Roy Eckler

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Jeff Sheldon called the August 23, 2011 meeting of the Select Board to order at 6:05.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Select Langlois made a motion to go into Executive Session with the Town Manager at 6:10 p.m. to discuss personnel. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Select Cole made a motion to resume regular business at 7:40 p.m. Second by Select Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Select ~~Langlois~~ made a motion directing the Town Manager to take appropriate action. Second by ~~Select Cole~~. ^{Holzworth} Select Stanley and Select ~~Langlois~~ voted in support of the motion. ^{Stanley} Select Cole and ^{Holzworth} Select Holzworth voted in opposition. Select Sheldon (the Chair) broke the tie with a vote in favor of the motion. Motion passed. _{Langlois}

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Langlois made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9 meeting. Second by Select Stanley. Correction noted on page 2. Green Mountain College should be Green Mountain Power. As corrected the minutes were approved with a 4-0 vote.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Rich Dow, Squad Outreach Coordinator for H.E.A.T., described their program which is to cut heating costs. Home owners pay \$100 to participate, which would mean a qualified person will perform a "Home Energy Check-Up" on their home and provide a report. The goal is to find 41 homes in Fair Haven for the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glen Roberts suggested the Board members should visit the various departments of the Town. They could see how things are going and find some inefficiencies, he believes.

Roy Eckler mentioned potholes in Green Road.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jack Eaton, Public Works, reported they are working on getting the winter supply of sand and gravel in. They have been working on the West Street Cemetery.

William Humphries, Police Chief, reported 18 arrests this month. One of the big concerns lately is vandals going in vacant houses and cutting out copper pipes to sell.

NEW BUSINESS

Fourth Street Sidewalk bids were due August 19. Only one bid was received and it was for \$393,000. This is a \$255,000 project. Some items in the bid were 300% higher than customary. The recommendation of the engineers is to reject the bid and in February rebid the project. It was said everyone is busy now. If we wait until February they will be interested in bidding on new projects. Select Cole made a motion to reject the bid. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote. Select Holzworth made a motion to table rebidding of the Fourth Street Sidewalk until October 4. Second by Select Stanley. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Union Employee Evaluation The Board looked at the evaluation form and found places where they recommend changes. They will direct suggestions for changes to the Union. They believe the evaluation of Union employees is the first step.

Recreation Grant Support This is a grant that would pay 50% of the cost of making the Babe Ruth ball field useable. Select Langlois made a motion to apply for the grant and sign a letter of support. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Computer User Policy The Tech Committee approved some changes. The Police Chief expressed concern that this not conflict with their procedure (policy for computer use) that is set by the state, Select Holzworth made a motion to table action on this for two weeks to allow the Police Chief an opportunity to review it. Second by Select Langlois. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Noise Ordinance There was discussion of a Noise Ordinance. In regard to it, one comment was, "you don't support what can't be enforced". The Board took no action on a Noise Ordinance.

Title Search Results The attorney researching titles reported it is not really clear who owns the dams. Additionally, more land and easements will be needed if the dams are to be used for hydro power. It was agreed the Select Board and Hydro Committee need to get together to come up with a next step. They need to come up with information to present to the voters. The Town Clerk and the Town Manager will coordinate efforts for a meeting.

ROUNDTABLE

Select Langlois spoke of the outstanding job Fred Capron has done with the Concerts in the Park this summer and believes his efforts should be acknowledged. (The Board Clerk will write a letter of appreciation.) He asked about the River Street pump station project and was told the Rural Development people are gathering information to come up with a grant amount.

Select Holzworth asked about extended use of the SWAK^C program. Can people take their

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“hazardous household items”, such as light bulbs to any collection place? He asked the Town Manager to get information and put it on the website.

Town Manager Peter Hathaway reported Cindy Adams (representative on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission) spoke about some of their plans related to such things as Bike Rodeos, bike paths, etc. The old trolley paths are included in plans for bike paths. VLTC is having a meeting September 22 on choices in health care. We must have at least one person there. Also there is a VLCT Board of Directors meeting October 6 and we need a voting member there. VLTC has assigned an attorney to work on the Billewicz case as part of our insurance coverage. A conference call on the case is scheduled between the Town Manager and the VLTC Attorney.

Select Stanley is optimistic about the Beaver Wood situation. An important report is forthcoming.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

The Town Manager distributed financial reports for the Board to review. He reported a checkbook balance of \$639,532.

SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: General Fund-\$39,310.40; Payroll-\$27,174.93. Second by Select Langlois. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Select Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. Second by Select Holzworth. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilma B. DeSpain

Claire S. Stanley
Claire Stanley, Clerk