

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

**SPECIAL SESSION
PUBLIC FORUM ON HYDRO PROJECT
AUGUST 30, 2011**

Members Present: Christopher Cole, Timothy Langlois, Leff Sheldon, Claire Stanley
(Member Absent: Rod Holzworth, II)

Others Present: Ted Parisi, Craig Markcrow, John Lulek, Bill Bloomer, Neil Robinson,
David Ward, Peter Hathaway, Mike Stannard {arrived late}

PUBLIC FORUM

Board Chair Jeff Sheldon called the Public Forum to order at 7:05 p.m.

Neil Robinsin began by saying he was surprised no one was in attendance from the Hydro Committee. The Chair advised they were all individually contacted. (Note: A short time later Mike Stannard, Hydro Committee Chair, arrived.) Robinson said he wants to believe there is an answer to who owns the dams.

Craig Markcrow, Vermont Structural owner, said he is trying to sell the property across from the office property. After that takes place it might not be possible to get all persons to agree (on issues relating to dam access, etc.) He reminded the Board that in earlier conversations there was no mention of costs. Now costs and insurance are mentioned as factors.

Establishing ownership of the dams is most important, the Chair pointed out. According to Attorney Bill Bloomer, his title findings for Dams One and Two indicate Vermont Structural owns the rights. However, it has limited ownership of Dam Three (Depot Street Dam), he says.

Mike Stannard, as an aside, reported Dam Two is down to 30% (this as a result of the weekend storm). He went on to say Dam Three is owned by Brad Stevens who has indicated he would turn it over to the town if he can be compensated for his eight or nine years of taxes on the property.

Stannard believes the hydro project is a possibility with strong commitments. First a feasibility study needs to be done. He believes that would cost approximately \$14,000. Select Langlois expressed concern for even the study costs and, as well, if the town of Fair Haven needs to be in the hydro business

Select Stanley pointed out there are two factors: having rights to a dam is one thing; having rights to get to the dam is something else.

There was some discussion of taking the issue to the voters

Select Cole made a motion to go into Executive Session with Legal Counsel and the Town Manager, at 8 p.m. to discuss a legal issue. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Select Cole made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Second by

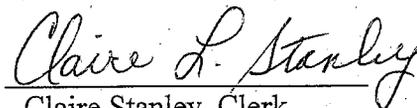
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Select Stanley. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

Select Langlois made a motion to authorize Attorney Bloomer to contact Attorney Parisi with regard to Vermont Structural Slate's legal fees. Second by Select Cole. Motion carried with a 3-0 vote. (Note: Markcrow earlier indicated he would want to be paid for legal costs incurred to date if the project did not go forward.)

Select Langlois made a motion to adjourn. Secod by Select Cole, Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain


Claire Stanley, Clerk