

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

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
SELECT BOARD SESSION**

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

Others Present: Bill Humphries, Jane Ellis, Glen Roberts, Rod Holzworth, Allen Bowen, Ray Phillips, Jason Booth, Wayne Elliott, George Roberts, Jack Eaton

CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Cole called the September 4, 2012 meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and asked for everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Stanley moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2012 of the Select Board. Second by Select Ward. Corrections: under Roundtable, second line, replace "in behalf of" with "in support of", also, under Public Comment--following "did not" add "according to Bob Richards." As corrected, all voted in favor of the motion.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Engineer Jason Booth spoke with the Board in reference to the proposed River Street Sewer Pump Station relocation. One of the problems to overcome is that it is located in the flood plain. Perhaps that can be taken care of by the pump station being grandfathered in. Also, an easement is most desirable. Without the easement, the project will cost an additional \$10, 000 to \$15,000. There was consensus for the Board to study the recommendations of the engineers presented to them by Mr. Booth and place it on the agenda in two weeks

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Chief Dave Ward reported the air packs are in and they will soon have training on their use.

Police Chief Bill Humphries reported there have been a couple of arrests but for the most part things are still quiet.

Maintenance Supt. Jack Eaton said the new base for the 9-11 memorials has been poured. Cemetery signs are going up.

Town Manager Humphries shared a letter in reference to Beaver Wood received from Green Mountain Power. Christina Bliss has resigned from her Water Treatment Plant position. Tom Donovan will be working part time at the water plant. There has been

some discussion about marketing the Skyline building.

NEW BUSINESS

water **Water/Sewer abatement:** A customer has requested an abatement of their water and sewer bill. If granted it will decrease the payment for that bill by \$1,000 or \$1100. He had a sewer line break. He has been granted one abatement and has not yet had the necessary repair of the line. It was felt he should at least pay for the water usage. The Manager is going to take care of this with the customer.

Sand and Gravel bids: Sand and gravel bids were received from Markowski and from Pike Industries. Select Langlois moved to table action on the bids until the next regular meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Stanley. All voted aye.

Public Works sander: Public Works Supt Jack Eaton discussed the department's need for a new sander. One of the significant problems he mentioned was it does not allow them to control the output. He indicated a new one would cost around \$8,000. Select Ward moved to take up to \$8,000 from the Reserve Account to pay for a new sander. Second by Select Stanley. All voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ROUNDTABLE

Select Board Chair Cole announced Richard Duel is resigning his position as one of the Trustees of Public Funds, effective August 31, 2012. The Board requested he be sent a letter of appreciation for his service. Cole also spoke of receiving a letter from the graded school expressing appreciation for the presence of Police Officer Kerber and his dog on the first day of school.

Select Cole and Neil Robinson attended the Poultney Select Board meeting with the Beaver Wood information. They were well received.

Select Langlois and Select Sheldon attended the Castleton Select Board meeting with Beaver Wood information.

In response to a question, Town Manager Humphries said there are 20 to 25 applications received for the Town Manager position

Select Langlois emphasized the importance of an exit interview when an employee leaves town employment.

Select Ward asked if anything was being done about the information on LED street lights.

This is being discussed by the Energy Committee.

Select Sheldon said it was sad we missed the recent park fence dedication. "The Board should be represented at events to which we are invited."

Board Chair Cole said they should be planning more to attend more meetings in support of Beaver Wood. There was general agreement.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports were given to the Board members for their review. The checkbook

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balance was \$748,437.05

SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley moved to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$26,057.80; General Fund--\$54,656.01 Second by Select Langlois. All voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Select Langlois moved to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Second by Select Stanley. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Wilma B. DeSpain

Claire L. Stanley

Claire Stanley, Clerk