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

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
SELECT BOARD SESSION**

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

Absent: David Ward

Others Present: Bill Humphries, Lucia Suarez, John Lulek, Glen Roberts, Colleen Ringquist, Ceil Hunt, Bud Panousek, Larry Hughes, Neil Robinson

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Cole called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Sheldon moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Stanley. Correction: page 2, line 3, "sewer line" should be "water line". As corrected, all voted aye.

Select Langlois moved to table the minutes of the September 6, 2012 Special Session until the next regular meeting of the Board. Second by Select Stanley. All voted aye.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

FHUHS Project Graduation representative, Colleen Ringquist, came to the Board to request they be allowed to have a "Coin Drop" on September 10. She was advised only four are allowed each year and they are selected in the spring and must be held before Labor Day. She was encouraged to apply for next year. Also, by petition it could be on the Warrant and would be voted on.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neil Robinson spoke of a news article with a negative impact on Beaver Wood. It alleged "biomass" creates harmful electricity. It seems some environmental group is providing serious negative information. He will try to get more information. He also brought up the subject of some painted markings that have appeared adjacent to a crosswalk on Main Street. They are causing it to be in violation of a Federal law. The Chair asked to table this until the next regular meeting.

Larry Hughes complimented town employees on the work they did in painting crosswalks. He asked about the process of the Search Committee for Town Manager. The Board Chair discussed the process of the Committee, ground rules, etc. Comments suggested there is a conspiracy in behalf of a certain person. The Chair and others discredited this.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tim Pocketed has resigned as Chair of the Cemetery Committee. One person has expressed interest in the position. The naming of a replacement will be on the agenda in two weeks.

The Town Manager reported the Fourth Street sidewalk project is \$18,000 over budget. With assistance from funding agencies, the Town's only additional cost is \$3700. Larry Hughes asked the Town Manager Humphries if he did this and expressed Mr. Humphries was doing a good job. Mr. Humphries reported the Town office staff is helping and doing great work. The manager quoted a portion of a letter from the auditor in which he was extremely complimentary of the work done by Jenny Bertrum, Town Account. Mr. Humphries went out to point out Sharon Mallette, administrative assistant, and Jenny Bertrum are very knowledgeable and again doing excellent work on the business side of the office. Mr. Humphries also indicated Suzanne (Town Clerk/Treasurer) is doing a great good job on the Town clerk side of the office.

Three bids were received for the sander the town needs to buy. The amounts range from \$5350 to \$6499. There was consensus among the Board to have Town Manager Bill Humphries, Jack Eaton and Bud Panousek make a decision on which one to buy.

Police Chief/ Town Manager Humphries reported the past two weeks had been quiet for the Police Department.

The Chair reported on the progress of the Search Committee. There were 35 applicants. The committee has narrowed it down to 13. They will meet again this Thursday Sept. 20, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Fuel Bids: Only three bids were received for the purchase of fuel for Town Hall and garage; 30 requests were sent out. Local Fuel-\$3.44 per gallon (delivered), fixed price; Sam U-Save-\$3.489 (fixed price); Mac's-\$3.369 (one time fill); additional fills terminal price plus 8 cents per gallon. Selectman Langlois made a motion to table the selection until the next meeting. Motion died for lack of a second. Selectman Langlois moved to accept the bid from Local Fuel with the price of \$3.44 per gallon, delivered, no change in the price. Second by Selectman Sheldon... Selectman Stanley abstained as her son works for one of the companies. Selectman Sheldon, Langlois, and Board Chair Cole voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. It was pointed out normal procedure would have waited two week for final action on the bids, however due to time constraints and expiration of bids due to the ever changing prices fuel prices action was necessary at this meeting.

Cemetery Deed: Selectman Sheldon moved to sell Lots 119 and 120, Section 11 to Deborah Perry. Second by Selectman Langlois. All voted aye.

Library Trustee: Selectman Stanley moved to appoint Judy Sheldon to the Library Board. Second by Selectman Langlois. Selectman Sheldon abstained. Selectman Stanley and Langlois and Chair Cole voted in favor. Motion passed.

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OLD BUSINESS

Sand and Gravel: Selectman Sheldon moved to award the bid for winter sand and gravel to Markowski. Second by Selectman Langlois. The price for both is the same, \$16.53 per cubic yard. All voted aye.

River Street Pump Station: Selectman Langlois moved to accept the recommendations of A and E for the River Street project. Second by Selectman Stanley. All voted aye.

ROUNDTABLE

Selectman Sheldon commented most favorably on the Concerts in the Park held this summer. As Clerk of the Board, Selectman Stanley agreed to write a letter of appreciation to Fred Capron.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Town Manager Humphries reported the insurance payment to VLTC and payments to the schools explain the large General Fund amount. The checkbook balance is \$341,218.79

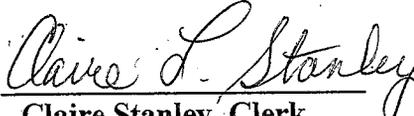
SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley moved to pay the warrant as follows: General Fund-\$614,184.39 (includes \$301,780.03--Grade School, \$163,858.04--High School); Payroll-\$26,423.15 Second by Selectman Langlois. All voted aye.

ADJOURN

Selectman Stanley made a motion to adjourn. Second by Selectman Langlois. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain


Claire Stanley, Clerk