

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

**SELECT BOARD
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

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

Others Present: Peter Hathaway, Dean Stockwell, John Lulek, Marian Lulek, Lucia Suarez, Jack Eaton, Neil Robinson, Karen Close, Jack Adams, Francis Owen, Lorraine Brown, Victoria Angis, Ken Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Jeff Sheldon called the September 20, 2011 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board to order at 7 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Stanley. Correction noted: Page one, under Executive Session, "Chair Stanley" should be Claire Stanley. Minutes approved as corrected with a 4-0 vote.

Select Stanley made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2011 Select Board Planning Session, Second by Select Langlois. Corrections: add Select Rod Holzworth,II to the list of members present; number one should read "what potential residents and businesses want". As corrected the minutes were approved with a 4-0 vote.

Select Langlois made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Historical Society: Victoria Angis spoke in behalf of the Historical Society and their Park Fence Post Project. One hundred of the 160 wooden posts have been replaced. An additional seven are donated. Current projections leave an estimated shortfall of \$2,759. They are asking for permission to sell the wooden posts being replaced as a fund raiser. The fire department wants 10. The Select Board agreed to allow the Historical Society to sell the rest of the wooden posts. The Society continues to look for people who will pay \$200 for a marble post to be included in the fence as well as people who want to purchase some of the old posts.

*work with
Town Manager*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neil Robinson praised the "9-11 monument" recently dedicated and noted it should be visible from the street but view is blocked by the bulletin board. Discussion followed regarding where the board could be relocated and still serves its purpose. The Town Manager and Jack Eaton will look in to moving the board. Robinson noted the cross walk continues to be an issue.

Dean Stockwell had significant water damage from the recent storm. He asked if the river "has been flown" to see if there is anything blocking the flow of water. He will have significant costs

in the repairing of his home as a result of the storm damage. The town requires multiple permits in the process. Select Cole suggested the Board might help by waiving the cost of the fees. The Board agreed to do what they can to help with the problem.

John Lulek asked what was being done to alleviate the water problem on his property. Jack Eaton said he had been looking for answers and it seems like it is going to cost about \$3,000. He and the town manager are going to come up with a plan. Select Stanley asked if anything can be done about the existing storm drains.

Jack Adams, representing the high school Boosters Club, discussed the Community Bonfire they are planning for September 30 as part of the Slaterbration celebration. As last year, they are asking to have this at the Air Park. He received positive support from the Select Board.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COMMITTEES

DPW JACK EATON discussed a sewer problem being looked at by insurance and then passed on to the contractor and potentially to the engineer. One of his department employees will be off work for ² months with a shoulder problem. Discussion of signage on the River Street railroad trestle and replacing trees in front of "89 Loft".

APPROX. 3

NEW BUSINESS

Town Moderator: Only one response to the advertisement for Town Moderator but there was one letter of interest earlier. Select Langlois made a motion to table action on the moderator choice at this time. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Bid Openings:

Per the bid opening policy
Sand and Gravel: As a result of confusion with the bids Select Langlois moved to table action until the next meeting allowing for review of the quotes. Second by Select Cole. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Depot St. Bridge Engineer: Two bids received--KAS and Dubois & King. Motion by Select Holzworth moved to table action for two weeks ^{as per bid policy} to allow time for review of the bids. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Fuel Oil: Bids were received from Sam, MAC, and Local. Select Langlois moved to table action while Town Manager reviews the bids and makes a recommendation. ^{as per bid policy} (Be sure the prices hold.) Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried 4-0.

Cemetery Deed: Motion by Select Cole to deed Lot 38, Section 11 to Thomas Silver and Rose Cram. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Driveway Permit: Select Langlois moved to approve a Driveway Permit for Paul Laramie on Sheldon Road. Second by Select Cole. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Grand List Correction: Select Langlois moved to approve the previously discussed Grand List correction on property of Jane Sims. Second by Select Stanley. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

ROUNDTABLE

Town Manager Peter Hathaway: There is a part time water position available. Manager is working on the budget process and on a capital plan. The auditor has scheduled a visit. Board will hold a Planning Session, September 22. Attorney Bloomer has lowered his fees. ~~Bud Panoushek will be out for three months with shoulder surgery, etc.~~ A Castleton College student

wants to intern with the Manager and a high school student wants to intern with Jack Eaton, DPW. Manager will be attending a VLTC meeting Thursday.

Select Stanley questioned the procedure for getting the house numbers on the properties and wished it could be improved. Asked if there had been a response from Brad Stevens related to the tree for the park. She noted the October 12 important Beaver Wood meeting and the September 30 bonfire.

Select Langlois asked about the two summer positions (ball program and summer recreation) and the bid on 4th Street sidewalk. He is still looking for an Operational Plan for the town. Suggested a need for a plan on routing of the sidewalk plowing to remove snow along school routes for safety of the students.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports were provided for Board review. The checkbook balance is \$598,000.

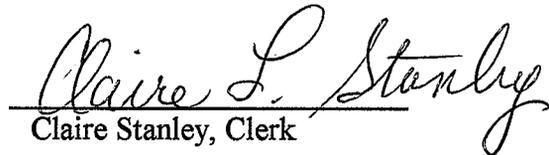
SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley made a motion to approve the warrant as follows: Payroll-\$28,360.53; General Fund-\$306,862.27. Second by Select Langlois. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Select Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Second by Select Langlois. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain



Claire Stanley, Clerk