

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

Members Present: Ron Adams, Ray Bunker, Julie Ellis, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley

Others Present: Ray Phillips, Jay Brown, Karen Close, Jennie Reed, Bob Richards, Victoria Angis, Jack Adams, Ken Jones, Jack Eaton, John Root, Town Manager Serena Williams

CALL TO ORDER

The September 21, 2010 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Ron Adams, Board Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Claire Stanley made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2010. Second by Julie Ellis. A correction was noted, first paragraph, page 2, regarding the vote on the motion--it should read: "The motion carried with a 4-1 vote." As corrected, the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Richards asked if the town had to pay for a recent note of appreciation that appeared in the Free Press. He was told no; there was no charge. He had a brochure apparently produced as a tourism marketing piece. He wanted to know why Fair Haven was not part of it--not even identified on the map printed in the brochure. His question could not be answered. The Chair indicated he believed a paid membership in the organization that generated the brochure was required.

Jay Brown voiced concern over the fact that no one had been notified about the Historic District. He believes the charge for getting rid of large tires at the transfer station is too high. The Chair agreed and said it would be looked into. Mr. Brown noted a number of street lights are out in the park. He does not believe it should be a citizen's responsibility to notify CVS when street lights are out. The Chair suggested CVS be asked to do an after dark survey of the street light in town. Mr. Brown wants to know why there are unmarked police cars and why the officers are driving the cars home as well as on other personal business. Such activity should be noted with a dollar value on a 1099 at the end of the year, he says. He again asked about the 15 ft. of paving at the end of Maple Street. He wanted it to be duly noted in the minutes that he objects to the town paying for paving what he believes is privately owned property.

Ken Jones asked why the town changed auditors. He was reminded the town advertised for proposals from interested firms. The change came as a result of the bid process and is saving several thousand dollars.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Historical Society: Victoria Angis spoke about the marble post project for the park. She reported 43 or 44 have been sold at \$125 each. Originally town workers were going to install the posts. However, due to the nature of the marble it seems perhaps this is a job for someone with necessary expertise. This could add \$20,000 to the cost. Jay Brown suggested the cost of the project go on the ballot. The Chair reminded Ms. Angis a petition would be needed to get it on the ballot.

PTA: Jennie Reed, representing the PTA, asked if the swings over by the Bun Stockwell property that were removed could be moved to the playground area now at the Recreation Park and a sand box put in. The consensus of the Board was yes. She asked if Public Works would put in the swings.

Jack Adams wanted permission to have a Community Bonfire at the Airpark. There was discussion about where to have it and in the Community Garden was a good suggestion. Claire Stanley made a motion to approve a Community Bonfire at the Airpark at 7 p.m., Wednesday, September 29. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Project Graduation/FY 11: A Coin Drop approved for 2010 Project Graduation was not held. Ray Philips is asking if the "slot" unused at that time can now be used by the Class of 2011. After discussion, Julie Ellis made a motion to allow Project Graduation 2011 to hold a Coin Drop not held by Class of 2010. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Mr. Philips will call the Town Manager the date it will happen. Mr. Philips was reminded of the need to stay on the town side of the State Highway sign.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jack Eaton, reporting for the Department of Public Works, reported his workers have been concentrating on cleaning ditches and culverts on Scotch Hill. The seasonal worker has two more weeks to work.

NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Deed approval: Jeff Sheldon made a motion to approve the sale of two grave sites in Lot 13, section 11, Cedar Grove Cemetery, to Alan and Linda Way. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Cartographic Assoc. Inc. is the firm hired to upgrade the town map. Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the renewal of the maintenance contract. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Gravel and sand bids: Pike Industries and Markowski both submitted bids for winter sand and gravel. However, it is noted the bids from Pike Industries did not comply with the advertised bid specifications. Jeff Sheldon made a motion to accept the Markowski bid on winter sand (\$15.79 /cu.yd.), 1 ½ inch gravel (\$17.80 / cu.yd.), ¾ inch gravel (\$18.00 /cu. yd.). Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. (The Chair declared a short recess at 8:30.) Back in session at 8:40.

Interconnect Telecommunications of Vermont has informed the town it has a contract with them. This has been since 2002. The Town Manager reports she has searched the 2002 minutes and has not found any authorization for then the, Town Manager, Mike Barslow to sign a contract with Interconnect Telecommunications. Julie Ellis moved to have the Town Manager terminate the contract with Interconnect Telecommunications.

Second by Ray Bunker. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Executive Session/Personnel: Ray Bunker moved to go in Executive Session to discuss personnel with the Town Manager and John Root at 8:55 p.m. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The regular session resumed at 9:56 p.m. The Chair announced there was no action to be taken at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

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REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports were provided the Board members for review- The Town Manager reported \$166,000 remained in the General Fund after payment to the graded school was made.

REPORTS OF BOARDS

Town Manager Serena Williams spoke with the Board of the continuing issues with Vermont Structural Slate and the quitclaim deed. This is being worked on by attorneys. She reported VLCT is projecting significant increases in health insurance costs. She shared a letter from Beaver Wood noting where they are in the process with their Fair Haven plant. She learned that an application for the USDA grant for the West Street water project must be submitted. Originally it was not going to be required. She completed the application last Tuesday. She brought up the subject of the Fair Haven Village Center designation and agreed she is at fault for not following up on the renewal. Information was first received in June and the resolution for renewal is due October 4. Several people have said the carpets in Town Hall need to be cleaned. She will get bids from a couple of floor cleaning firms to clean carpets and hall floor.

Claire Stanley said the bushes in the park need trimming. It appears they need the work of a professional. *Mr. Adams* ~~She~~ was concerned to see bags of garbage left at the park after the last event. Having them picked up Monday is not sufficient. Other Board members agreed. Information regarding clean-up needs to be in the contract and if necessary the Town needs to have someone on hand at the conclusion of the events to properly dispose of the trash.

Ray Bunker mentioned complaints of shooting in town (squirrels). There are no regulations regarding this on the books. He wants to see something on the next agenda that will control shooting in town.

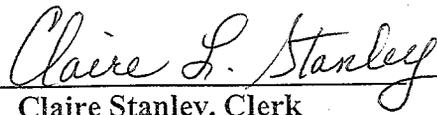
SIGNING OF WARRANT

Claire Stanley made a motion to approve the warrant as follows: Payroll-\$27,404.58; General Fund-\$584,699.49. Second by Julie Ellis. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Claire Stanley made the motion to adjourn at 10:17 p.m. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain


Claire Stanley, Clerk