

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

**SELECT BOARD SESSION  
OCTOBER 2, 2012**

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

**Others Present:** Acting Town Manager/Police Chief William Humphries, John Lulek, Lucia Suarez, Glen Roberts, Neil Robinson, Karl Sbardella, Donna Sbardella, Steve Diglio, John Higgins, Jack Eaton, Donald Beede, George Roberts

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Christopher Cole called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Selectman Sheldon moved the approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2012 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Selectman Stanley. All voted aye.

**APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS**

**Depot Street Bridge:** Steve Diglio and John Higgins, are the design team for the Depot Street Bridge. They reported the bridge is in bad shape, the concrete work and the steel beams. Just replacing the deck will not be sufficient. Several options were mentioned including rerouting the road and replacing the bridge. Town Manager to work with engineers and call for special meeting if needed. Engineers advised bridge should be posted to 15 tons immediately.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Glen Roberts shared some of his thoughts relating the history of town managers and important considerations for selecting one at this point.

Neil Robinson expressed appreciation for the town's prompt correction of the crosswalk in front of the Laundromat.

Several comments were made regarding town support of Project Graduation, such as a petition putting it before the voters. It is recognized as a worthwhile project.

A replaced culvert issue relating to West Street, This-a-Way Ave and That-a-Way Ave was brought up by Mr. Beede. Town Manager Humphries advised Jack Eaton will monitor for potential problems and address if problem occurred resulting from culvert work performed by the Public Works Dept.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS, COMMITTEES, TOWN MANAGER

**Jack Eaton (DPW)** reported they have been working on River Street, the crosswalk and putting a new roof on the furnace room.

**Bill Humphries, (Town Manager)** reported Jenny Bertrum, accountant, spoke with the Poultney Town Accountant about being a back up ~~for back-up~~ for completely payroll <sup>ING</sup> is IN case of absence. He has discussed this with Poultney Town Manager and their accountant. They think this is a good idea and are eager to get a reciprocal agreement in place allow<sup>ING</sup> each Town to cross train with each other.

The Girl Scouts of America ask to hold a haunted house on the Air Park property. Humphries advised they were granted permission. He further advised they would not be using any Town building.

Humphries has received a letter relative to a problem with the Fourth Street sidewalk project. It was given to DPW Supt. Eaton to follow up on.

Town also received notification water plant missed sending a sample to the state in the second quarter of 2012. The town was advised from the state that notice of this must be published and all water customers must be notified.

Humphries reported Accountant Jenny Bertram advised him in the past the town has donated \$200 to Project Graduation. Selectman Stanley moved to give \$250 to Project Graduation. Second by Selectman Langlois All voted aye.

Fire Chief Dave Ward said the department will be working with the school on a Fire Safety program. He and two other firemen are taking three days of vacation in order to be in the fire department's safety program for the children.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Appointment to Cemetery Committee:** There is an opening on the Cemetery Committee. John Lulek has written a letter expressing his interest. Selectman Sheldon moved to appoint John Lulek to the Cemetery Committee. Second by Selectman Stanley. All voted aye.

**Medical Marijuana Dispensary:** VLCT sent letter to Town asking if Town has placed any regulations or ordinances prohibiting dispensaries. Planning and Zoning commission are currently working on zoning changes which will not allow them within the Town. Police Chief Humphries would not recommend one in the town. Selectman Sheldon moved to support Planning and Zoning and the recommendation of the Police Chief and say no to a Marijuana Dispensary. Second by Selectman Ward. All voted aye.

## OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

## ROUNDTABLE

Selectman Langlois brought up the question of vacancies or possible vacancies as one of the town auditors and trustee of public funds. Can one person serve in both positions?

Are both needed? The Town Manager is going to work on this.

Selectman Stanley is planning on going to a "Meet the Candidates". Thursday.

Selectman Ward asked if we are planning to have a holiday party. If so the men who usually do this need to know so the hall can be reserved, etc. Town Manager Humphries will work on this as directed.

**FINANCE REPORTS**

Finance Reports were provided for the Selectman to study. The check book balance is \$299,886.29

**SIGNING OF WARRANTS**

Selectman Stanley moved to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$25,367.86; General Fund--\$160,249.53 Second by Selectman Sheldon. All voted aye.

(At 8:33 p.m. the Chair declared a 5 minute recess. The session resumed at 8:37 p.m.)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Selectman Sheldon moved to have the Selectman and the Town Manager go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contracts and a legal matter. Second by Selectman Stanley.

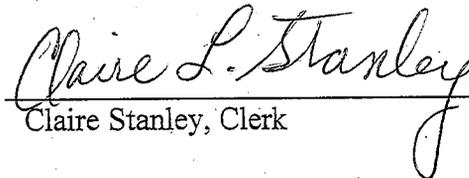
All voted aye.

At 9:36 p.m. Selectman Sheldon moved to come out of Executive Session. Second by Selectman Langlois. All vote aye No action was taken in the Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**

Selectman Ward moved to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Second by Selectman Stanley. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wilma B. DeSpain

  
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Claire Stanley, Clerk