

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

OCTOBER 5, 2010

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

Others Present: John Lulek, Robert Baird, Karen Close, Ken Jones, Allen Bowen, Larry Hughes, Neil Robinson, Mary McNeil, Sherri Prouty, Jack Eaton, Chief Bill Humphries, Shaun Hewitt, John Root, Serena Williams, Town Manager.

CALL TO ORDER

The October 5, 2010 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Board Chair Ron Adams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ray Bunker made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2010 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Julie Ellis. It was pointed out that a comment on page 3, within Claire Stanley's remarks, the second sentence should begin, not with "She" but with "Mr. Adams" or "The Chair was concerned to see bags of garbage....." As corrected, the minutes were approved by a 5-0 vote. Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 Special Meeting of the Select Board. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Baird, from Chittenden, a candidate for State Senator, spoke to the Board of his interest in serving in the Legislature and his background. He was asked a number of questions.

John Lulek asked when the fountain would be taken out of the park for the winter. (In a couple of weeks, he was informed.)

Chair Adams noted the south gate at the Air Park was closed as of today due to the conditions caused by recent rains. The north end is open.

Neil Robinson in the interest of the Town's impending Union negotiations, he made note of a newspaper article that reported of a town where a wage freeze for one year was recommended by negotiations.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Sherri Prouty, School Resource Officer and Fair Haven Police Officer, spoke to the Board about the Cadet Program at the high school. She will be meeting with the students once a week. She says this is something that can make a difference in the lives of the youth. They learn about government, careers in law enforcement, what they can do to be of help in their community. She believes this program can benefit the young people and the community. There is a need for funds. She wants permission to do a car wash with the town furnishing the water. Her interest is to have funds to purchase, first, tee shirts and later uniforms. This will give the students visibility when they are doing things as a group or representing the Police Cadet program. Julie Ellis made a motion to approve the request, on behalf of the Police Cadets, to have a car wash using town water. Second by Ray Bunker. Town employees will assist in determining the best location. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The group will hope to do fundraisers in other FHUHS Towns that are involved with the students.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jack Eaton, Public Works: He showed the Board what size and type of street/road signage Federal regulations will mandate by 2018. This will be a significant cost to the town. The Town workers will flush fire hydrants next week, between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. The sand and gravel is coming next week. When it stops raining, the sidewalk white line on Fourth Street will be replaced. The Chair mentioned the need for more gaskets on several manholes covers.

Police Chief Bill Humphries informed the Board the Department has received a grant for new safety vests. Arrests are up this month. A Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for 6:30 tomorrow night at the high school. There was discussion on marking or not marking of police cars. The Chief presented a draft showing proposed changes to the ordinance related to the Park. The proposed changes would help control property damage and promote safety within the park.

Chair Ron Adams: In response to the comments of the Police Chief, the Chair stated he felt the Chief had received 98% cooperation of the current Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session

Ray Bunker made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. with the Town Manager, John Root and Jack Eaton. Second by Claire Stanley. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote. At 9:35 Claire Stanley made a motion to return to open session. Second by Ray Bunker. Motion approved by a 5-0 vote. The Chair reported a protocol letter will be sent to the Union rep requesting a meeting with him, Town Manager and Board Chair to discuss the John Root situation. The Town Manager will handle setting up the meeting. The Chair stated Peter Root and George Lovell (the Union rep) were both asked to attend tonight's executive session and they refused. If they had attended, the additional meeting would not be necessary. There is still some business to be taken care of, the Chair advised. The Chair asked that the minutes note this request and meeting have nothing to do with the Union negotiations.

Shooting in Town Limits

There appears to be nothing that can be done about this problem, no local or state laws. Even Fish and Wildlife has no regulation to help. Town Manager says we would have to have an ordinance. One was considered several years ago but not enacted. A committee of Chief Humphries, Ray Bunker, Serena Williams, Ken Jones and John Lulek was named by the Chair. They will try to find a solution.

Historical Society Request

The Historical Society wrote a letter requesting the Surplus Reserve Park Fence fund be turned over to them for use on the Park Fence Marble Post Project. There was considerable discussion on their request but no action was taken. The letter also invited the Board to attend the Charter Day dinner, September 27.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports were provided Board members for their review. General Fund balance at this time is \$119,619. There are two properties scheduled for Tax Sale. One of them may be taken care of this week.

REPORTS OF BOARDS

Town Manager Serena Williams

Town Manager reported on the Fourth St. sidewalk project. CVPS needs to address some guide wires. There will be a Public Hearing with engineer and proposed sidewalk drawings, at 6 p.m., November 16. The USDA Grant/Loan we are eligible for a 28% grant (\$42,000) and loan of \$108,000 for the West Street project. In the interest of speeding the project we could borrow local money and repay it when the loan money is available. We need the Letter of Conditions then we can go out for bid and get the project done in November. (The Board wanted the Letter of Conditions to clearly state we will be reimbursed for our \$108,000.) Discussion of insurance coverage indicated the town's liability insurance covers volunteers; they are not covered for Workers' Compensation. There has been discussion about disposing

of truck tires at the transfer station--especially the cost of large tires. The charges have been in use for several years. Discussion concluded paying by the pound perhaps is better and this will be on the next agenda. She says she has changed the phone service from Fairpoint to New Horizon because their prices are half. Phil Stannard Jr. will be at the November 2 meeting with an update on the forest plan. Beaver Wood will be here October 19 with a presentation. October 29, Beaver is providing a bus to take 20 people to near Burlington where they can see an operation comparable to what is planned for here. Project Graduation will have a Coin Drop, October 9. "Out" street lights continue to be a problem, Pat Traverse is traveling through Town and some line are out and will be fixed. People just need to get the pole number and call it in. Julie Ellis reported she had checked the lights on South Main Street and found none to be out.

Claire Stanley emphasized the Neighborhood Watch meeting tomorrow night.

She attended Dave Nelson's Open House and said it was very nice and well attended.

Jeff Sheldon said he understands John Lulek is interested in again being Health Officer. (It was noted, he needs to submit a letter of interest.) It will be on the next agenda.

Ron Adams, Chair, talked about the Community Bonfire sponsored by the Boosters Club and held recently at the Airpark. He believes it should have been held at the high school and saw no reason why the school's insurance should consider it a high risk activity. He proposed a letter be sent to the FHUHS School Board in support of future bonfires being returned to school grounds. Such a letter was read to the Board. The letter was signed by all Board members.

He will attend the October 11, meeting of the School Board as a citizen and alum.

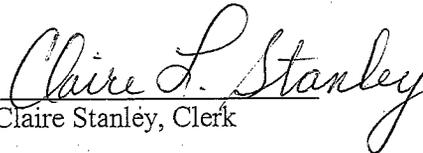
SIGNING OF WARRANT

Claire Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$26,230.54; General Fund--\$84,414.24. Second by Jeff Sheldon. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Sheldon made a motion to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Second by Julie Ellis. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wilma DeSpain


Claire Stanley, Clerk