

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

**SELECT BOARD SESSION
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

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

Others Present: Lucia Suarez (Rutland Herald), John Lulek, Charlotte Capron, Glen Roberts, Bonnie Rosati, Allen Bowen, Marty Irons, Judy Sheldon, Phil Stannard, Jr., Bill Humphries (Town Manager/Police Chief), Mary McNeil, Jack Eaton (DPW Supt.)

CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Christopher Cole called the October 16, 2012 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Selectman Sheldon moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2012 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Selectman Langlois. Correction: add to sentence at top of second page so it reads: "They think this is a good idea and are eager to get a reciprocal agreement in place allowing each town to benefit." As corrected the minutes were approved with all voting in favor.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Recycling Committee. Judy Sheldon presented to the Board a comprehensive report on the findings of the Recycling Committee. In her overview she spoke of the resource persons they listened to and questioned regarding various aspects of recycling, "single stream" and what we are doing now. The committee admitted at the outset they probably leaned toward "single stream recycling." However, in listening closely to the informants they concluded foremost we are not ready to loose the income from our current system. As well, there needs to be more education regarding the many things that can be recycled at the transfer station. The town needs to understand eventually recycling will be mandated by the state and steps need to be taken to prepare for that time.

Bicycle Usage. Marty Irons' message was to make Fair Haven "bicycle friendly". It appeared he was pleasantly surprised to hear of the number of bicycle racks already in place in town. The number could be greater increased since this is one means of encouraging adults, as well as young people, to increase their bike riding. Following his remarks, Select Sheldon moved to form a committee to make Fair Haven "a bicycle friendly town" and to put out a request for interested people. Second by Select Langlois. All voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlotte Capron of the Cemetery Committee spoke gratefully of the demonstrated interest in the work in behalf of West Street Cemetery and the good turn-out on the recent work day. She complimented the DPW work crew on their "stellar" performance; however, she was critical of the manner of the DPW supervisor.

Phil Standard, Jr. reported on status of the logging operation. The Inman Pond parcel is finished. Some other work has been delayed due to rattle snake presence.

DEPARTMENT HEADS, COMMITTEES, TOWN MANAGER

Fire Chief David Ward reported 236 school children visited the fire house in connection with Fire Prevention Week. There have been no fires.

DPW Supt. Jack Eaton reported the River Street bridge project is about finished. Taking out the fountain in the park is on the schedule.

Police Chief Bill Humphries reported there were 25 arrests in August. The officers have been watching for speeding on North Main and Washington Streets. They had a surprise lock down at the high school and it went very well. Neither dogs nor officers found drugs. They had a surprise disaster drill at the elementary school and it went very well. Town Manager Bill Humphries advised Chief Water Operator Greg Marcy (water treatment plant) would like to replace the chlorine analyzer. It was purchased in 1984 and parts are not available. Marcy and the town manager have checked prices and their choice for replacement will cost about \$4,000. The consensus of the Board was to go ahead and purchase one.

OLD BUSINESS

Depot Street Bridge: The engineers do not have the updated report ready yet. They have some verbal agreements.

Interim Town Manager: Selectman Langlois moved to extend the contract with Bill Humphries to serve as interim town manager for an additional 90 days or until a new Town Manager is in place at the same rate of pay. Second by Selectman Sheldon. All voted aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Selectman Sheldon moved to go into an Executive Session with Town Manager Bill Humphries and Jack Eaton, DPW Supt., to discuss personnel and legal matters (Depot Street Bridge). Second by Selectman Langlois. All voted aye.

Selectman Langlois moved to come out of Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. Second by Selectman Ward. All voted aye.

ROUNDTABLE

Select Stanley asked if the reported sidewalk related problem on 4th Street have been checked. Chairman Cole said he will look closely at it to see if everything seems to be in order.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

Finance Reports were distributed for review by Board members.

SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley moved to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$25,087.77; General Fund--\$33,714.66. Second by Selectman Langlois. All voted aye. (Note: Additional bills will be submitted for approval Friday at a Special Session. This was necessary due to the illness of a staff member.)

ADJOURN

Selectman Langlois moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Second by Selectman Ward. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain


Claire Stanley, Clerk