

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

OCTOBER 18, 2011

Members Present: Christopher Cole, Rod Holzworth,II, Timothy Langlois, Claire Stanley. Absent due to death in the family: Jeff Sheldon

Others Present: Peter Hathaway, Lucia Suarez, John Lulek, Jamie Curavos, Karen Close, Robert Sanderson, John Adams, Abby Greene Police Chief William Humphries, Phil Stannard, Jack Eaton, Ken Jones, Bob Spaulding

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Board Clerk Claire Stanley. Select Langlois made a motion to appoint Select Cole to serve as Chair. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Select Langlois made a motion to go in Executive Session with Town Manager Peter Hathaway, Police Chief William Humphries and Officer Shaun Hewitt to discuss a legal matter. No action was taken.

Did not attend

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Langlois made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2011 Select Board meeting. Second by Select Stanley. Correction: Page 2, under Old Business, second paragraph --vote should read 3-1, not 3-0. As corrected, the minutes were approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Phil Stannard spoke with the Board regarding timber sales. He presented a document he will provide to potential bidders. During discussion, some changes were proposed. The timber to be cut on the Inman Pond parcel and on the Sheldon Pond parcel he proposes to show to perspective bidders; October 28. Bids are to be in by the November 15 Board meeting and will be opened at the meeting. They will be reviewed until a Special Board meeting at 6 p.m., November 17 when the Board will meet to award the contract.

Tracy Adams came before the Board to appeal the water flat rate. It has been in existence since 1971. He has two abatements--\$800 and \$26 --because of the water flat rate, which has a minimal charge for any property connected to the system even if it is not occupied. He does not support this. He emphasized there are two choices: either the Town Manager can deal with the issue or the Board can make a determination. No action was taken.

Jamie Curavos is a high school senior who needs to do some community service. He asks for permission to paint the gazebo in the park. The Board agreed to allow him to do

this and Jack Eaton will work with him on the project...

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert **Jack Sanderson** needs to know if there is no longer a house on a piece of property, will he, if he becomes the new owner, be required to pay the minimum water bill. He is interested in buying an adjacent piece of property that will become part of his yard. He was advised there would not be a charge.

John Lulek wondered if the town is going to do any road grading this fall.

Robert Spaulding asked about the Depot Street bridge project.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Jack Eaton, DPW, reported they have been working on the beaver baffle up by Fred Reed (Inman Pond Road). It was suggested to him that the batting cage at the ball field needs to be taken down.

Dave Ward, Fire Chief, reported last week was Fire Safety Week and he kept very busy with visiting schoolchildren. There have been 100 runs so far this year. This is slightly more than for the same time last year. As a possible explanation, he said they have had some calls to assist the Rescue Squad.

NEW BUSINESS

Single Stream Recycling: The Town Manager provided the Board with a Town of Fair Haven Single Stream Recycling Implementation Plan. This outlines how a plan might work from week one through week eight in preparation for actual implementation. There was significant discussion on the issue including cost involved, education of the public, changes required at the transfer station and cost savings vs. cost to the town. The Town Manager, Bob Spaulding and Abby Greene will get together on these issues and get back to the Board.

Capital Investment Policy: Manager believes this is needed. Select Holzworth started work on this when he was interim town manager. He and the auditor support the policy. Copies of the proposed Town of Fair Haven Capital Investment Policy were presented to the Board. Approval of this will help in budget preparation, they were advised. Select Langlois made a motion to approve the policy. Second by Select Stanley. Motion approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Deeds: Select Stanley moved to approve the sale of three gravesites in Lot 47 SE--Section 2 to June Wilcha. Second by Select Langlois. Motion approved unanimously.

Select Holzworth moved to approve the sale of two sites in Lot 47NE--Section 2 to Dennis and Karen Barrett. Second by Select Stanley. Motion approved unanimously.

Select Langlois made a motion to approve the sale of a gravesite in Lot 38, Section 11 to Thomas Silver and Rose Cram. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion approved unanimously.

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ROUNDTABLE

Select Langlois pointed out there needs to be a ribbon cutting for the new playground equipment at the grade school. In addition, there are some equipment or accessory items in storage needing to be brought out. (The manager agreed to work with the principal on this.)

Town Manager Peter Hathaway says he is working on the budget and gone to the departments to talk about how to save money, etc. The Town received a thank you note from the Historical Society. VLIC will have a number of health insurance plans available. He will try to evaluate them. There will be an increase in cost. A decision needs to be made by November 1. Tuesday is the "kick off" on the Depot Street Bridge project. A determination as to the soundness of the building at the Air Park needs to be made. Safety ribbon needs to be put around it. We are ready to sign contract for preliminary review on the River Street pump station. Bid for the Fourth Street sidewalk is scheduled for the first week in December. Applications for a "new hire" for the town will be reviewed tomorrow.

FINANCE REPORTS

Manager reported we have spent 35% of the budget at this time. A 30% budget expenditure should be at this point in the year but he is not concerned. We are 11% over on the cost of fuel purchased but everything is full. Checkbook balance is \$155,961.20.

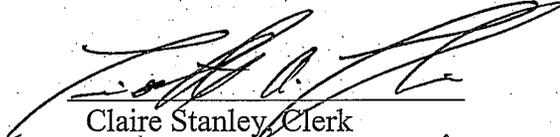
SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$25,440.40 and \$227.90; General Fund--\$50,635.76. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion approved unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m. on motion by Select Stanley. Second by Select Holzworth. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain



Claire Stanley, Clerk

Timothy A. Langlois