

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

**NOVEMBER 15, 2011
SELECT BOARD**

Members Present: Christopher Cole, Rod Holzworth, II, Timothy Langlois, Jeff Sheldon,
Claire Stanley

Others Present: Peter Hathaway, Jacki Perry, Lucia, Suarez, John Lulek, George Roberts, Glen Roberts, Susan Langmaid, Tara Buxton, Jackie Phillips, Brenda Bowen, P.J. Szabo, Bob Richards, Jim Heller, David Ward, Charlotte Capron, Mike Stannard, Phil Stannard, Jr., Michelle Murray, Karyn Stannard

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeff Sheldon called the November 15, 2011 meeting of the Fair Haven Select Board to order at 7 p.m.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Select Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011 select Board meeting. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion approved, (Select Stanley abstained as she did not attend the November 1 meeting.)

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Jacki Perry described the procedure that allows an item to be placed on the ballot without having signed petitions. As long as an additional amount of money is not being requested, a letter can request placement on the ballot, according to her information.

Charlotte Capron expressed concern over what she calls "work not being done" at the West Street Cemetery--especially on the south side. Select Langlois suggested the Manager work out a plan for getting the work done. The Manager accepted the challenge but also said the town's work crew is "scarce".

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Richards asked for an update on Brandon's request for three hours a week police service for their town. He questions the validity of the Fair Haven Police Department doing this. Police Chief Bill Humphries emphasized this could be done with ~~no~~ ^{Benson} diminishing service to Fair Haven. It was pointed out that ~~Brandon~~ ^{Benson} has in the past helped out Fair Haven when asked. "It's the neighborly thing to do," was one comment. The Police Chief indicated no decision has been made at this time.

P.J. Szabo wanted to ask about permission to use trails for snowmobiling. He was assured there was no problem as far as the town is concerned but possibly he should check with the high school. **George Roberts** mentioned his concern over wastes he sees in town and

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indicated the main reason he came to the meeting was to speak about the need to repair the roof on the hanger at the Air Park.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Chief Bill Humphries said the police did a really good job at the recent very bad accident. Some repairs are being done to the police car he is getting ready to sell. When it is finished he plans to sell it on E-Bay.

Fire Chief David Ward reported the department has made over 100 runs. His department also was at the bad accident and he indicated the men were profoundly affected.

NEW BUSINESS

Financing of River Street Bridge: The state is giving us \$170,000 grant. The Town is responsible for a 10% match. We need to determine where the money for expenses will come from prior to receiving grant money. We will get half when project is 50% complete and the remainder at completion. After discussion a motion was made by Select Stanley to use the Street and Sidewalk ^{Surplus} Reserve Grant Match Fund to pay the town match of \$17,000 and to borrow money from the Reserve Account for the interim financing --this to be reimbursed by the grant. Second by Select Langlois. Motion passed. *unanimously.*

Hydro Committee: Mike Stannard, who has been serving as chair of the Hydro Committee, is willing to continue to serve as chair. There was conversation about changing the name of the committee because it could be considering other than specifically the "hydro" issues. The Board was in support of this. Select Cole made a motion to change the name to Energy Committee. Second by Select Stanley. The support of the Board was unanimous. It was indicated the chief water plant operator is interested in serving on the committee. Select Langlois moved to have the Board ~~draft and~~ sign a letter of support to the committee and to solicit letters of interest from persons interested in serving on the committee. Second by Select Stanley. Motion unanimously supported.

Driveway Permit Process: The Manager is asking for a change in the process of getting a driveway permit. In the present process, the permits are approved by the Select Board. The Manager proposes the Zoning Administrator and the Supt. of Public Works would be responsible for the permits. Only if there is a lack of support or a problem will the application come before the Select Board. Select Stanley moved to table the matter until the next regular meeting. Second by Select Cole. All voted in favor.

Employee Health Insurance: VLTC is going to broker the health insurance for all towns. There are two carriers. The report is the prices are as good as they can be. The Board is limited in options and under time constraints. Select Langlois moved to approve the two plans as submitted. Second by Select Cole. Motion carried.

Logging Bids: Three bids were received for the Sheldon Pond project: Pete Pedro, A. Johnson, and Brad Stevens. Three bids were received for the Inman Pond segment: Randy Hutchins, A. Johnson, Pete Pedro. The Board decided to meet Thursday night at 6 p.m. in Special Session to review/discuss the bids with Phil Stannard, Jr. in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Discussion for FY 2012-2013: After lengthy general budget discussion with each of the following-- Recreation Department, Fire Department and Police Department the Board agreed to set a Special Meeting for Thursday, November 17, at 6 p.m. for review of the Public Works budget.

ROUNDTABLE

Select Stanley requested a copy of the minutes and agenda be placed in her mailbox. **Town Manager Hathaway** said the Probate Court is asking for permission to schedule the use of their former office from time to time. It appears this can be arranged. **Select Stanley** made a motion to have the Manager work out the details. Second by **Select Langlois**. Motion carried. The Manager needed discussion on paying for engineering services for the River Street pump station. He thinks it can be paid for out of Sewer Capital Reserve Funds.. **Select Langlois** questioned doing this and the Manager will get confirmation or rejection.

Select Langlois reminded the Manager that Loft 89 still needs a letter regarding their lease to the Town Hall second floor.

FINANCE REPORTS

The Manager provided finance reports for Board review.

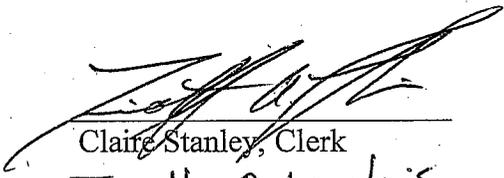
SIGNING OF WARRANT

Select Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$25,148 98; General Fund--\$55,689.73. Second by **Select Holzworth**. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Select Cole made a motion to adjourn at 12:35. Second by **Select Stanley**. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain


Claire Stanley, Clerk

Timothy A. Langlois