

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

**SELECT BOARD SESSION  
DECEMBER 9, 2013**

**Members Present:** Christopher Cole, Bob Richards, Jeff Sheldon, Claire Stanley, Dave Ward

**Others Present:** Suzanne Dechame, Jennie Bertrum, Bonnie Rosati, Judy Reed, Phil Adams, Mary McNeil, James Aldrich, Bud Panoushek, Glen Roberts, Ray Phillips, John Lulek, Town Manager Herb Durfee, Recorder Wilma DeSpain

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Christopher Cole called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**FIVE MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Town Manager Durfee reported most of the employees have enrolled in the health insurance through the state. The annual fire control inspection has taken place and seven defective heat detectors were discovered. We are waiting for an estimate of what it will cost to replace all the older ones. Efficiency VT's streetlight conversion to LED analysis was distributed to board members. Their information shows replacing the lights would cut our consumption by more than 50%, a savings of about 47,830 kWh per month. More information is forthcoming.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Presentations:** Representatives of the various departments and committees discussed aspects of their program or purpose and most important, their budget requests for the next fiscal year. Presentations and discussion were with each of the following:

- Town Clerk/Treasurer
- Town Accountant.
- Listers
- Planning and Zoning
- Cemetery Committee
- Recreation Committee
- DPW Superintendent

**Planning Commission Resignation/Re-Appointment:** Roy Eckler submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission to spend more time with his grandchildren. Motion by Sheldon to accept his resignation with regrets. Second by Stanley. All voted aye. Motion by Ward, second by Sheldon, to re-appoint George Stannard to another 4-year term on the Commission. Present term expired in November. The motion carried 4-1-0 (Richards voted no).

**Slatington, PA Sesquicentennial Proclamation:** At the request of the Borough of Slatington, PA, Fair Haven has agreed to serve as a sister municipality with Slatington for 2014, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their incorporation. The communities have agreed to share some gifts and proclamations, along with some other forms of celebration to be determined. Durfee read into the record a proclamation sent by Slatington and one that he drafted for the board's action. Sheldon moved to approve the resolution naming Slatington, PA a sister city for 2014 as part of their sesquicentennial celebration. Stanley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Credit/Charge Card Policy: discussion/action deferred.

**Donna Carter** is asking for an additional 1-month's worth of abatement of her water bill. She was previously granted some relief from a large water bill caused by a leak she did not know about. Stanley moved to abate the sewer portion of Ms. Carter's water bill the equivalent of one additional month's worth of cost that is above her average use. Second by Sheldon. All voted aye.

**BOARD ROUNDTABLE**

Stanley asked about the Town Report dedication and the board's selection. It was decided to do this at the December 16 meeting.

**REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS**

The Town Manager provided reports for the Board to review. The balance in the General Fund checkbook is \$179,169.57. The significant decrease is due to making a number of large payments, including a school payment.

**SIGN WARRANTS**

Stanley moved to pay the General Fund bills totaling \$564,518.13 and the Payroll for \$26,969.27. Second by Richards. All voted aye.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Stanley moved to go into Executive Session with the Town Manager at 9:52 p.m. to discuss a pending personnel grievance. Second by Ward. All voted aye. At 10:02 p.m. Stanley moved to return to Open Session. Second by Ward. All voted aye.

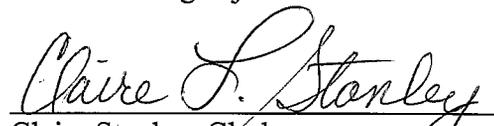
**REGULAR SESSION**

Sheldon moved to have the Town Manager write the appropriate letter indicating the settlement had been reached concerning the grievance. Second by Stanley. All voted aye.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ward moved to adjourn at 10:02 p.m. Second by Sheldon. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wilma B. DeSpain

  
Claire Stanley, Clerk