

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

**SELECT BOARD
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

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

Others Present: Peter Hathaway, John Lulek, Lucia Suarez, Ronald Smith, Suzanne Duchamp, Allen Bowen, Jay Brown, Jenny Bertrum, Abby Greene, Robert Spaulding, Bob Richards, Bonnie Rosati, David Ward, Jack Eaton, Jacki Phillips, Brenda Bowen, Abby Greene, Robert Spaulding, Bob Richards, Bonnie Rosita, David Ward, Jack Eaton, Jacki Phillips, Brenda Bowen

CALL TO

Select board Chair Jeff Sheldon called the December 13, 2011 meeting to order at 6 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Select Holzworth made a motion to go into Executive Session with the Town Manager to discuss legal issues. Second by Select Stanley. Vote was unanimous.

Select Stanley made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:04p.m. Second by Select Cole. Vote was unanimous.

Select Holzworth made a motion to have the Town Manager take appropriate action in the sending of letters. Second by Select Cole. Support was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Select Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2011 meeting of the Select Board. Second by Select ^{Holzworth} Langlois. Correction: The motion to adjourn appears twice. Remove the one at the end of "Executive Session". The minutes were approved unanimously as corrected.

APPOINTMENTS WITH INDIVIDUALS

Ron Smith, Auditor, discusses the highlights of his audit as of June 30, 2011. He estimates the amount of carry forward going into the next fiscal year will be \$127,000. He continues to say the town needs a reserved amount equal to three months of operation in the event of the "unforeseen". He admitted, however, the town will probably use the amount to lower the tax rate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jay Brown questioned the advisability of putting tubes in the tires at the transfer station as opposed to replacing the tires. He believes driving over nails and sharp materials, they will not last. The Town Manager advised the intent was to explore options and save money for the town. No decision has been made.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reporting in behalf of the Energy Committee, Select Cole advised they are going to check on the advisability of LED streetlights. He also commented on the "peaked interest" as a result of an article in the Rutland Herald.

Fire Chief Dave Ward said they are still waiting for final information on the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Waste Water Treatment Plant "mixer": Bids for the mixer are \$5900 and \$6400. Select Cole made a motion to purchase the mixer at a cost of \$5900. Second by Select Holzworth. Motion approved unanimously.

Single stream recycling: The Town Manager spoke in favor of implementing the concept. He pointed out the need to educate the public and employees. A number of questions and objections were heard, such as, revenue would drop, transfer station already operates at a deficit. Conflict of interest was raised because one of the Selectmen for the Town of Fair Haven is employed for a company that could be involved. It was conceded no decision has been made as to yes or no on single stream recycling.

Letters of Interest: No letters received regarding Recreation Committee. Bonnie Rosati submitted a letter asking to be named Chair of the Green-up Committee. Motion to appoint was made by Select Stanley. Second by Select Holzworth. A number of questions were raised regarding the past year's handling of bags related to "Green-up Day". Ms. Rosati will consider their concerns. Motion approved unanimously.

Pete Ruby was the only person submitting a letter of interest in the Energy Committee. Select Cole made a motion to appoint Pete Ruby to the Energy Committee. Second by Select Stanley. Motion approved unanimously.

Dollar General land: Selectman Cole recused himself from the discussion about the Dollar Store Property. Dollar General has two acres of land behind their store they propose to give to the town since they have no use for it, or does the school want it? It was pointed out that if the school wants it, it is also town property. A letter indicates the school is interested in it. The Town Manager will meet with the school principal to explore possible action.

Town Report: The Board considered requests for the report to be in the 8 1/2" x 11" format instead of the smaller size.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Discussions: Jackie Phillips discussed Recreation Department needs mainly brought on by the flooding, including replacement of helmets, baseball, softballs, and catchers mitts. Bats have to be replaced due to a change in regulation. She will do an inventory and submit appropriate items to the Town's insurance for reimbursement. Wilson Electric has offered to do work free. Loft-89 has said they will help also. At the request of the Board, Dave Ward returned to discuss items in Fire Department Communications. In conclusion he agreed to buy some of the radios from this year's budget thus reducing the asking for next year.

ROUNDTABLE

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Select Cole reported the Historical Society website is almost ready to go. He asked if work on the Air Park building will go in this year's budget or next. It was suggested putting on the ballot \$25,000 to re-roof the building or tear it down if that is not supported.

Select Stanley inquired about the Tracy Adams utility bill issue that had been before the Board. Mr. Adams has not yet responded to the Town Manager's letters so a water shut off notice is being issued. She has been talking with Dean Stockwell about his storm damage and she advised the Town Manager he needs to talk with Stockwell. She mentioned the increase in standing water down of "the flats" and the potential problem for the day care center.

Select Holzworth spoke of a letter he received from the Lake Bomoseen Assoc. asking for support of their fireworks. Board agreed to take no action.

Town Manager Peter Hathaway reported bid requests on the Fourth Street sidewalk will be going out soon. The River Street Pump Station is moving along. The report on the Depot Street Bridge is being worked on.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

The Manager provided finance reports for the Board to review. The checkbook balance is \$271,866.22 The amount relates to soon a payment to the school will be due.

SIGNING OF THE WARRANT

Select Stanley made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: General Fund--\$560,617.31; Payroll--\$26,202.01 Second by Select Holzworth. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Select Stanley made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 p.m. Second by Select Holzworth. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain


Claire Stanley, Clerk