

**TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECTBOARD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS-CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Select Board Meeting
April 28, 2015**

Members Present: Robert Richards, Jeff Sheldon, Dick Frazier, Sean Galvin, Rod Holzworth II.

Others Present: Town Manager Herb Durfee, Minute Taker Claire Stanley, John Lulek, Glen Roberts, Jennifer Cortez (GMP), Emily Cutts (Rutland Herald), Neil Robinson, Police Chief William Humphries, Larry Hughes, Jeff Briggs.

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Richards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Frazier to approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting. Second by Galvin. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

Five Minutes for Public Comment: Neil Robinson expressed concern that a former part-time employee was not re-instated. It was noted that individual personnel issues cannot be discussed in public.

Jeff Briggs reported that the water at 71 Main Street was shut off today because the bill was not paid by the homeowner who cannot be located. Mr. Briggs requests that the water be turned on at his expense. Discussion was how to best proceed reaching the best results for the tenant following the ordinance that allows payment agreements with the homeowner only. Motion by Frazier to waive the ordinance and make a payment agreement with Mr. Briggs. Second by Holzworth. Motion carries 4 - 1 - 0 with Sheldon dissenting. The consensus of the Board is to turn on the water tonight and add the extra charges to the current billing account. Town Manager Herb Durfee was excused to make the arrangements.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station Presentation: Jenn Cortez, Green Mountain Power: Ms. Cortez explained what EV charging stations are and their function. There are 867 registered EVs in Vermont, 80% are hybrids. Most owners charge their vehicles at home when possible, but need a charging station when traveling beyond the battery limit. Charging stations are essential for the traveling public and attract tourism. Owners visit local businesses during the several hours of charging. Discussion re: the many ways folks can find charging stations; demand; location; user payment options; host fee of \$69/month. Installation is 2 - 4 weeks after order. The minimum contract is 3 years with opt out option after the first year. Motion by Galvin to proceed to install an EV charging station. Second by Frazier. Motion carries 4 - 1 - 0 with Holzworth dissenting.

Department Head & Committee Reports: Police Chief Humphries reported that things have been relatively quiet. There have been incidents of retail theft and he has directed his officers to have a bigger presence - walking through Dollar General and Shaw's. Also attention at higher profile apartment houses, the playground and Scotch Hill.

Devils Bowl Racetrack requests police coverage again this season. They have offered to pay a higher fee (\$30/hr.) and four hour minimum. They prefer using local police rather than the Sheriff's office. Discussion of need to pass the "red face test", making sure there is no overall cost to the Town; it is good PR; officers interact with public; a lot of Fair Haven folks attend these events. **Motion** by Holzworth to supply police coverage at Devils Bowl Racetrack for no less than \$30/hr. plus mileage and to watch the accounting very carefully. **Second** by Galvin. **Motion carries 4 - 1 - 0 with Richards dissenting.**

Chief Humphries reported he wants to use the speed sign on Dutton Ave. There is a cost. This will be addressed after research is done to determine if the sign can be converted to solar.

Town Manager Herb Durfee updated the Board re: his health and the measures to be taken during his recovery. He can access e-mail from home; phone will be re-routed to Assistant's desk; rehab starts May 5th.

A \$3000 bill was received re: the generator.

Approve Coin Drop – Knights of Columbus: Motion by Frazier to approve a coin drop as requested by the Knights of Columbus. **Second** by Galvin. **Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.**

Adopt 2015 Local Emergencies Operation Plan: **Motion** by Frazier to adopt the 2015 Local Emergencies Operation Plan as prepared. **Second** by Sheldon. Galvin noted that animals / pets are not addressed in the plan. This can be amended at any time. **Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.**

Mechanic Street Sidewalk/Path Scoping Analysis – Four Alternatives Selection: **Motion** by Sheldon to proceed with the preferred Mechanic Street Sidewalk/Path alternative – east side of Mechanic Street from Second to Fourth Street, within the right of way; west side of Mechanic Street from Fourth Street to the high school, within the right of way. The east side of Mechanic Street from Fourth Street to the high school is to be striped as a bike lane. **Second** by Holzworth. There followed discussion re: long range process and procedure options. **Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.**

Adams Street Bridge – Warn Public Hearing: Copies of the study were given to members. Manager Durfee recommends a public hearing before proceeding. **Motion** by Frazier to hold a public hearing about the Adams Street bridge on June 9, 2015. **Second** by Sheldon. **Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.**

Recreation in Fair Haven: The consensus of the Board is to table this matter to a future meeting.

Peddler or Itinerant Vendors Ordinance: No one in the Town office has been able to find a signed copy of this ordinance. There is a need to warn for a hearing and consider comments from Bonnie Rosati.

Conflict of Interest Policy – Approved 04/14/2015. For Signature: Members signed the approved Conflict of Interest policy.

Board Roundtable Discussion: Sheldon inquired re: the status of street sweeping. A sidewalk sweeper has been rented. Scotch Hill was swept today.

Richards received complaints re: junk cars in the lot at corner of Main and River Streets.

Frazier commented that an excellent job has been done cleaning the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Checkbook Status: Balance of \$458,455.08

Sign Warrants: **Motion** by Sheldon to sign warrants: Payroll, \$26,666.39; General Fund, \$44,167.63; **Second** by Holzworth. **Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.**

Motion by Frazier to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. **Second** by Galvin. **Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.**

Respectfully submitted,
Claire L. Stanley



Dick Frazier, Board Clerk