

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

**SELECT BOARD SESSION
JULY 7, 2014**

Members Present: Christopher Cole, Rod Holzworth, Bob Richards, Jeff Sheldon, Dave Ward

Others Present: Peg Manley, Pam Berryhill, Carrie Camara, Claire Stanley, Jason Eaton, Jennifer Chapdelaine, Christine Sheldon, Judy Sheldon, Sharon Brewater, Brian Reed, Craig Pettis, Frank Faryniaz, Don Howard, Sara Ward, Jenny Bertrum, Ronald Moore, John Lulek, Marian Lulek, Linda Pelletier, Neil Robinson, Glen Roberts, Police Chief William Humphries, Recorder Wilma DeSpain

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Christopher Cole called the July 7, 2014 meeting to order in the Greensburg Grade School gym at 6 p.m, and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AMMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Add to the agenda request of RC Flyers for use of the Air Park and approval of the June 23, Select Board minutes. Sheldon moved to add these to the agenda. Second by Holzworth. All voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sheldon made a motion to approve the June 23, 2014 Select Board meeting. Second by Richards. All voted aye.

Holzworth made a motion to approve the June 30, 2014 Select Board minutes. Second by Ward. Sheldon said he would abstain as he was absent. All others voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS

New England Clean Power Link Presentation: Rick Chase, a Principal with TDI New England, spoke to the Board regarding the privately funded \$1.2 billion project designed to bring affordable power to the area. They believe there is a great need here for hydro power. The lines will be under ground and under water bringing the power in from Canada. The high voltage lines will be buried five feet deep in the ground. Their application was filed with the U.S. government in May and they hope all the necessary review (with a positive response) will be complete by the end of 2015. They plan to be service by 2019.

RC Flyers: The RC Flyers will have their show the 3rd weekend in July. They anticipate this will bring in participants from New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, as well as

Vermont. Several of them will be campers In the past they have made a \$500 donation to Fair Haven Concerned in appreciation for the use of the Air Park and they will do the same this year. The question was asked regarding event insurance and the Board was assured if it is not already secured, it will be. Sheldon made a motion to allow the RC Flyers the use of the Air Park the third weekend of July. Second by Ward. All voted aye..

Town Budget Discussion: It was pointed out the proposed tax rates (2.2097 and 2.1462) are less than in 2011. Also, the school tax rate is down 5%. In the lengthy discussion, a topic was the summer program for children. A major concern was "the children and no summer activity." The program director's position is secure but if the budget fails there will be no funds to pay the young people who usually assist with the program. One suggestion was each child pay something for participation in the program. The other major topic was the Police Department. The idea of eliminating one police officer "should not even be on the table," was one person's way of expressing it. Select Richards' statement was "Believe me we can do as well with three as four." Other comments were not supportive of his position, including information as to how very low Fair Haven is in the Crime Index' as pointed out by Holzworth. Former member of the Select Board Claire Stanley summed up her remarks in favor of the fourth police officer with, "Yes, we can afford it."

(The Chair declared a five minute break and was back in session at 7:50 p.m.)

BOARD ROUNDTABLE

Sheldon asked if the Concerts in the Park were secure.

A significant "hole" at the edge of the roadway near Vermont Structural Slate was noted.

FINANCE

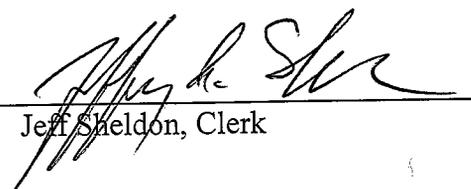
Jenny Bertrum, town accountant, a checkbook balance of \$288,749.57

Sheldon made a motion to pay the warrant as follows: Payroll--\$17,336.53; General Fund--\$12,678.40 Second by Ward. All voted aye.

ADJOURN

Richards moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Second by Holzworth. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain, Recorder



Jeff Sheldon, Clerk