

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

**SELECT BOARD SESSION
AUGUST 18, 2014**

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

Others Present: John Lulek, Bud Panoushek, Glen Roberts, Lorraine Brown, Art Sabin, Police Chief Bill Humphries, Ray Phillips, Town Manager Herb Durfee, Recorder Wilma DeSpain

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sheldon moved to approve the August 4, 2014 minutes. Seconded by Holzworth. All voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lorraine Brown and Art Sabin went to Slatington, PA for the borough's sesquicentennial celebration. As representatives of Slatington's sister town, they reported they were well received and recognized. They said some Slatington representatives hope to visit Fair Haven this fall.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Committee: There were no members of the Recreation Committee present. To make it easier for the committee to operate, it was suggested that the committee policy be amended to reduce the number of persons on the committee. On motion by Sheldon, seconded by Richards, the board unanimously voted to reduce the membership of the Committee from seven to five members with the membership being appointed as follows: Michelle Murray, Brad Kendall, Dave Camara, Jr., John Lulek, and one remaining vacancy. The board indicated that during the committee re-organizational meeting, they will need to determine the terms of office of each person and elect officers.

Planning Committee: Holzworth moved to appoint Dani Roberts to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Richards. All voted aye. Since a vacancy remains on the Planning Commission (and on the Recreation Committee), the Board is asking for additional persons who are interested in serving to contact the Town Manager.

DPW: Panoushek indicated his weekly reports are in board member's folders, and he reported the highway crew is painting the crosswalks in town. Lulek stated there is need for a load of topsoil for West Street Cemetery.

Police Department: Humphries reported on his search for a used police cruiser. He said a local car dealer will be going to an auction and said he would keep an eye out for FHPD. Humphries also said he has been calling around to several departments including Vernon.

Town Manager: Durfee asked for Board signatures on the amendments to the Park Ordinance adopted at the previous meeting. He attended a meeting at the Congregational Church regarding how the Fair Haven community could make itself better. He noted that much of the discussion

focused on a multi-generational center and the multi-purpose services it could provide. He said he has scheduled another Cracker Barrel in the Park on Tuesday, August 26th. It will be in the same format as the ones he held previously. He recognized that Peg-TV gave a \$1,000 scholarship to Brendan Tardiff, a Fair Haven high school student involved with the Digital Arts.

NEW BUSINESS

Agreement Between AFSCME Local 1201, Council 93, AFL-CIO and the Town of Fair Haven, VT.: The Union Contract has been ratified and signed by the Union and is ready for Board action. Richards moved to approve the 2-year contract as ratified by the Union. Seconded by Sheldon. All voted aye. It was noted the contract specifies a 1.54% salary increase for FYE 2015 and 2.5% for FYE 2016.

SRO Contract Between FHUHS and Fair Haven: Durfee reported the contract represents the annual contract necessary to provide a certified police officer to serve as the School Resource Officer at the high school during the school year. Holzworth moved to authorize the Chair to sign the contract as presented. Seconded by Ward. All voted aye. Richards mentioned he would like a chance to review all contracts before they were to be signed.

Winter Fuel Bids: Two bids were received. They were from Local Fuel Co. Inc and Sam's U-Save. Local Fuel bid package included \$3.02/gal for the one-time Town Office fill and a variable \$0.17/gal over "rack" rate for the Highway Garage/Annex. Based on a phone call, a fixed rate of \$3.30/gal was provided. Sam's bid package included \$3.099/gal for the Town Office fill and a fixed \$3.349/gal for the Highway Garage/Annex. Based on a phone call, Sam's said they could work with a variable rate and the 3.349/gal would be a maximum cap rate. After discussion, Ward moved to accept the Local Fuel Co. bid package of \$3.02/gal and the fixed \$3.30/gal rates. Seconded by Sheldon. All voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

Vehicle Replacement--DPW truck: The Board discussed the size of truck that is needed. Panoushek said the truck is used for plowing, ditching, hauling gravel and the larger truck saves time. He also mentioned the larger truck's ability to "keep up with the snow." There was considerable discussion on the need for the truck, especially related to the size of the truck needed. It was agreed more information comparing smaller and larger trucks is needed including a cost comparison. No decisions were made.

PD Application for Drug Task Force "Apprenticeship:" Based on Humphries introduction of the program at the board's previous meeting, Durfee indicated this is on the agenda to determine if the board is interested in this program. Humphries said described the competitive program and the benefits to the Town as well as the individual police officer, should the Town be selected to send an officer. Board members discussed the pros and cons. Holzworth indicated his understanding and value of the program but felt he would have a hard time defending it to many members of the public. Ward and Sheldon generally said they support the program for the benefits outlined by Humphries. Cole stated he was not in favor of applying, especially in light of the budget and police issues most recently dealt with by the Town. Richards expressed his support of the program and its application. Richards moved to support the FHPD's decision to file an application, understanding the Town would not be required to accept it, if so decided. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-1-0 (Cole opposed).

BOARD ROUNDTABLE

Ward reported the Town needs a fire extinguisher inspection inventory. Durfee agreed also indicating that that is a task for the Safety Committee that he's re-forming. Richards asked when the FYE 2014 year-end report will be ready. Durfee reported that figures are still being accounted for (i.e., within 60 days from the end June). He also reported the auditors will be here the week of August 25th, dealing with FYE 2014. Richards also said he would like more opportunity to discuss preparing the FYE 2016 budget. After some discussion, it was agreed that Durfee will have a draft of the budget available for the board on Tuesday, October 14.

REVIEW OF FINANCE REPORTS

The Manager supplied revenue and expenditure information for Board review. The checkbook balance is \$707,277.17.

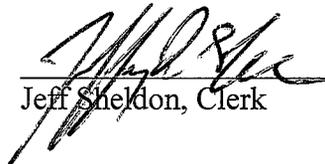
Sign Warrant

Sheldon moved to pay the warrant as follows: General Fund--\$41,491.09; Payroll--\$30,007.62. Seconded by Holzworth. All voted aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Holzworth moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Seconded by Sheldon. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain



Jeff Sheldon, Clerk