

**FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECT BOARD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS--CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SELECT BOARD SESSION
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

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

Others Present: Claire Stanley, Ron Adams, John Lulek, Glen Roberts, Jay Riehl, George Lovell, Neil Robinson, Ray Phillips, Police Chief William Humphries, Recorder Wilma DeSpain, Town Manager Herb Durfee, Tom Emero (by speakerphone)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Christopher Cole called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Sheldon, seconded by Holzworth, to add to the agenda appointments to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and the Energy Committee. All voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting were approved on motion by Richards, seconded by Sheldon. All voted aye.

Minutes of the August 19, 2014 emergency meeting were approved on motion by Sheldon, seconded by Ward. All voted aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:10 p.m., Ward moved to enter Executive Session for a Step 3 Grievance Hearing to include the Town Manager, Jay Riehl, and George Lovell. Seconded by Holzworth. All voted aye.

At 7:40 p.m., Holzworth moved to recess the Executive Session until the end of the meeting. Second by Sheldon. All voted aye.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPW Supervisor Bud Panoushek is on vacation and Jack Eaton is in charge. There was no other report.

Police Chief Bill Humphries reported the Department has been busy. The new police dog, another German Shepherd, is in training. He is continuing his used police car search.

Town Manager Durfee reported a number of items, beginning with the average 7.7% increase in Blue Cross-Blue Shield Health Insurance.

The Hazardous Waste Collection date for the Fair Haven area is scheduled on September 20, from 1-3 p.m., at the Transfer Station.

Apple Festival also will be on September 20 in the Park.

Durfee was complimentary of the manner in which the community handled the recent "boil water" advisory. He called it, "a good response."

He reported there are some problems with the public WiFi. They are being worked on.

The Cracker Barrel Sessions recently held in the Park were not well attended, probably due to it being the first week of school. He believes they are important and will schedule others. He is continuing the search for security camera systems for the Park. He and the Police Chief recently discussed this and believe it would be helpful with some of the vandalism and drug issues in/near the Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Beaverwood: Claire Stanley and Ron Adams were on the agenda in connection with a Beaverwood discussion. The discussion began with an audible phone conversation with Tom Emero, Managing Director – Development & Operations for Beaverwood. He reported since the PSB closed the docket, they have had some discussions with several utilities. One in particular wanted to have additional discussions. Based on that discussion, Beaverwood has opted to update its economic impact analysis (Northern Economic Consulting). That study is almost complete. Concurrently, Beaverwood spoke to the Public Service Department (Chris Reccia) given some interest expressed by the utility company. While the Springfield, VT biomass plan proposal was discussed, the discussion also focused on how Beaverwood is different than that project. The state also indicated its interest in Beaverwood's renewable product (pellets, growers' hub, and greenhouse) and proper tree harvesting practices. Emero indicated that when the economic study is complete, they will have additional discussion with the utility company that could result in negotiating a contract and, thereafter, a new application to the Public Service Board. He reaffirmed his continuing believe in the project but that the project's investors mostl likely are not going to want to spend any more money should this latest effort fail. Adams and Stanley, who were prepared to speak in support of Beaverwood, asked what help can be given locally. Emero stated no help is needed at this time. However, he remains hopeful he may hear something in a couple of weeks.

Winter Sand and Gravel Bids: The Select Board considered three bids for winter sand and gravel – Markowski, Casella, and Martelle. All quotes were based on cubic yards including delivery. For sand, the prices were as follows: Markowski \$16.53; Casella \$14.45; and Martelle \$13.15. For ¾ inch minus gravel, the prices were as follows: Markowski \$17.68; Casella, \$16.45; and Martelle \$13.15. Sheldon moved to go with the bids for sand and gravel from Martelle each for a not to exceed amount of \$13.15/CY delivered. Holzworth seconded. All voted aye.

Transfer Station Credit Application: Doran Bros. Inc./Doran Bros. Enterprises applied for a business credit account for the Transfer Station. Durfee advised their references have been checked. The application was approved on motion by Sheldon, seconded by Ward. All voted aye.

SWAC Resolution for Municipal Planning Grant Application: Since Fair Haven has an expired Town Plan, the Town can only support SWAC's consortia application for Municipal Planning Grant funding to update the Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). Durfee indicated the Town will still benefit from the SWIP update as a member of SWAC, thus, he recommended adoption of the resolution indicating such support. Richards moved to approve the resolution as drafted. Seconded by Holzworth. All voted aye.

RC Flyers Request: The RC Flyers have a special event coming up and a couple of the participants would like to bring campers and spend the night at the Air Park. This has been allowed before with no problems. The consensus was it should be allowed.

Benson Request: Benson has asked the Board to reconsider their recent action to not renew the police services contract. Benson has been thinking a local constable could provide coverage.

However, the constable is not yet qualified, so Benson is asking for continued assistance. The discussion was concluded with suggestion Fair Haven and Benson Selectboards get together to discuss this. The Town Manager will work it out.

VLCT Annual Meeting: The annual meeting is coming up and the manager will be attending. The town needs to have an official delegate. Sheldon moved to re-appoint Durfee as the Town delegate. Seconded by Holzworth. All voted aye.

Rutland Regional Planning Committee: On motion by Richards, seconded by Holzworth, Lauritz Rasmussen was reappointed to serve as Fair Haven's representative on the Rutland Regional Planning Commission and RoseAnn Vanlew was reappointed alternate. All voted aye.

Energy Committee: Ward moved to appoint Christopher Stanton to the Energy Committee. Seconded by Holzworth. All voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

BOARD ROUNDTABLE

General discussion of police dog concerns related to training and care costs.

Holzworth brought up the subject of the police dog related to liability. Durfee said he would contact VLCT.

Sheldon commented on the number of excessively large trucks using West Street.

The painting of crosswalks was discussed, especially the need for them to be painted with something that will be visible on the pavement for a significant length of time.

There were some problems with a recent coin drop. Durfee asked whether coin drops should not be permitted in Town. The board agreed the concept needs to be given some serious thought.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Durfee provided finance reports for the Board to review. The balance in the General Fund checkbook is \$739,512.35.

Sheldon moved to pay General Fund bills in the amount of \$45,858.56 and Payroll of \$29,858.56. Seconded Holzworth. All voted aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

At 10:12 p.m., Holzworth moved to reconvene the Executive Session held earlier in the meeting. Second by Richards. All voted aye.

At 10:34 p.m., Richards moved to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Holzworth. All voted aye. Cole indicated that the board would take up the grievance at its next regular meeting on September 15.

At 10:34 p.m., Richards moved to adjourn. Seconded by Holzworth. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma B. DeSpain, Recorder



Jeff Sheldon, Clerk