

**TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECTBOARD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS-CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Select Board Meeting
August 18, 2015**

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

Members Absent: Sean Galvin

Others Present: Town Manager Herb Durfee, Minute Taker Claire Stanley, Emily Cutts, Rutland Herald, John Lulek, Chris Seremet, Alicia Seremet, Police Chief William Humphries.

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: Mr. Frazier moved to approve the minutes of the 8/4/2015 meeting; seconded by Mr. Holzworth. CORRECTION: Pg. 3, ¶ 8. . . beginning September 7th. The motion carried unanimously.

Five Minutes for Public Comment: Mr. Lulek noted the high water in Airport Road ditches is now visible since roadside is mowed. Mr. Durfee will instruct Mr. Marcy to determine if the support structure is failing.

Department Head & Committee Reports: Mr. Durfee reported:

- Chief Humphries report is in members' packet. Mr. Richards expressed concern that Fair Haven is being painted as a drug haven, and noted that there was (only) one drug arrest in July.
- Several folks attended the 1:00 Cracker Barrel session. Discussion included water/sewer rates; further economic development; some aesthetic issues; and cemetery mapping issues.
- Mr. Frazier was given the demographic census data requested.
- The Town Attorney is working on the issue of removing the mobile home on the corner of Academy and Cedar Streets.
- Work is on-going on the Revolving Loan Plan.
- E-mailed to members a letter from the Listers who want to appeal recent BCA decisions. Mr. Durfee noted only property owners are allowed to appeal. More information to come.
- The electric vehicle (EV) charging station is up and running.
- Green Mountain Care Board rates increased 5.9%.

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- The Leak Detection Survey identified a leak leading to the Cedar Grove cemetery spigot.
- Fair Haven Grade School is not interested in using the Code Red. They have their own system.
- Fair Haven will receive \$11,183 in Pilot moneys from State owned land in Fair Haven (Welcome Center, etc.)
- Copies of updated work related injury reporting information were given to all staff.
- VLCT Town Fair is October 8th at the Killington Grand Resort.
- Cost for roadside mowing is approximately \$150, fuel and 63 man hours per season.
- A payment arrangement has been reached with Ms. Wayne; not with the Howards.
- The Crop Walk is September 27th.
- The Incident Command System workshop is September 22nd, 6:30 to 8:30, open to all interested at the Municipal Building.
- Mr. Durfee downloaded the Lead Law. He noted there is no obligation for Towns / Select Boards to notify landlords or tenants. But, he said he could work with the Health Officer, if necessary (e.g., tax bill stuffer for known landlord properties).
- There is on-going discussion with no changes re: centralized dispatch. Mr. Durfee noted he is not opposed to centralizing but has concerns if County government becomes responsible. Chief Humphries said there is no funding for switching to County Sheriffs.

Chief Humphries reported a very busy summer with a difficult child abduction situation over the weekend.

Chief Humphries praised the community support during the recent run-away missing youth; the cooperation of agencies; people brought food; general support that caused a positive end.

6 Phelps Ave Street Light – Request for Removal: Mr. Durfee explained the light is directly in front of a bedroom window; before the change to LED the former owner had the light painted on the house side. No shield is available for the current fixture. The homeowners stated the LED is even brighter than the former light. There are three lights on the short street and they feel the two, one on each end of the street are sufficient for safety. Neighbors have no objection. The consensus of the Board is to turn off the light for a week and monitor the effect on safety. Discussion re: The Select Board needs to authorize request for new street light(s).

VLCT Indemnity Agreement – 2/4 Willard Ave: Mr. Durfee e-mailed information to members; the total is \$32,295.15 (cost of demo, \$20,214; building value, \$12,080.55; less \$1,000 deductible); approximately \$14,000 has been received. There followed lengthy discussion re: criteria to arrive at that number; that insurance values seem always to be low; need to conduct an assessment of the insurance company; concerns if something should happen to the Municipal Building. The consensus of the Board is for the Town Manager to sign the agreement.

Board Roundtable Discussion: Mr. Frazier asked the status of the Town Plan. The Committee has finished the final draft; it is being reviewed by the Regional Planning Commission.

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Mr. Holzworth requests accounting of payments made by Poultney for dog training and use of services to be able to understand the payment agreement. Is there a need for a formal agreement with Poultney. Mr. Durfee is working with the Poultney Town Manager and had hoped to have that information for this meeting. Chief Humphries explained what has occurred so far and noted that he is within his budget.

Mr. Sheldon noticed a bill for dog licensing computer program and one for cemetery plot tracking. Mr. Durfee explained the need to update the Clerk's dog program and the need to better computerize cemetery plots/deeds, some of which is still done by hand and that the map should be in the vault.

There are still one or two outstanding bills from the previous fiscal year.

Mr. Richards reported a street light out on South Main Street. Need for winter cleanup on the corner of Academy and South Main Street sidewalk. He was asked is the house on the north corner of Benson Lane and Washington Street abandoned (unknown). Are the River Street shoulders finished.

Mr. Sheldon expressed concern re: the safety of diverting traffic to the wrong lane when painting crosswalks halfway at a time across a street.

The **checkbook status** is \$589,199.41

Mr. Sheldon made a motion to **sign warrants**: General Fund, \$44,031.14; Payroll, \$29,697.22; seconded by Mr. Holzworth and passed unanimously.

Mr. Frazier moved the Board and Town Manager into **executive session** at 8.35 p.m. to discuss Union Contract and personnel; seconded by Mr. Holzworth and passed unanimously.

The recording secretary was excused at this time.

At 9:10 p.m., Frazier moved to **exit executive session**. Seconded by Holzworth and passed unanimously. No action was taken.

At 9:10 p.m., Frazier moved to **adjourn**. Seconded by Sheldon and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Stanley


Richard Frazier, Board Clerk