

**TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECTBOARD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS-CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
Regular Select Board Meeting
October 13, 2015**

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

Others Present: Town Manager Herb Durfee, Minute Taker Claire Stanley, Emily Cutts, Rutland Herald, Glen Roberts, Wendy Foltman

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Richards called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Amendments to the Agenda: Mr. Sheldon made a motion to add to the agenda: New Business; Adams House Amended Resolution; seconded by Mr. Frazier and passed.

Five Minutes for Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Frazier moved to approve the minutes of the 9/29/2015 meeting; seconded by Mr. Sheldon and carried unanimously.

Mr. Frazier moved to approve the minutes of the 10/06/2015 meeting; seconded by Mr. Sheldon and carried unanimously.

Department Heads & Committee Reports: Town Manager Durfee reported;

- Report from Police Chief in members' packet
- Updated spreadsheet of water/sewer analysis in packets – he explained the process of arriving at new numbers
- Draft of deed language from Town Attorney Bloomer is in packets re: Board agreement with Vermont Structural Slate re: dams
- The Public Service Board (PSB) will hold a technical hearing on October 20th re: New England Clean Power Line
- The PSB held a hearing re: net metering of solar array near Exit 1 rest area to power the rest area
- The Rutland Economic Development Corporation (REDC) will hold their annual meeting on November 12th
- The Town Clerk has completed the VLCT Survey
- The copper and lead testing is completed
- The water leak detection is done – one leak was found – the spigot at Cedar Grove Cemetery

Adams House Amended Resolution: Mr. Frazier made a motion: **RESOLVED:** that with respect to a certain Mortgage Note in the original principal amount of \$280,000. from Adams House Limited Partnership to the Town of Fair Haven dated June 19, 1996 and amended on June 26, 1998 to a principal balance of 290,664, the Town forgive \$72,000 in principal and allow Marble House Limited Partnership to assume the balance of the loan by executing a promissory note to the Town for \$218,664 at 0% interest for a term of 30 years; seconded by Mr. Sheldon. This motion corrects the math error in the original (last meeting) motion. The original funding and refinancing process was explained that allows for the renovations expected to commence this fall. The motion carried, 4 yes; Mr. Holzworth dissented.

Fuel Bids: Mr. Sheldon made a motion to award the fuel contract to (low bid) Champlain Valley; seconded by Mr. Holzworth. Two bids were received and reviewed by members. The motion carried, 4 yes; Mr. Frazier dissented.

Sewer Abatement Request – John & Lois Vitagliano, 155 Airport Rd.: Mr. Frazier made a motion to abate \$171.36 (sewer portion) as requested by John & Lois Vitagliano; seconded by Mr. Galvin and carried unanimously.

Traffic Ordinance Update: Report in members' packets that explains the needed changes including two spaces at Electric Vehicle Charging station; one handicapped and one 15 minute space in front of Municipal Building. This will be on a future agenda as ordinance change(s) require public hearings.

Update on October 20 Renewable Energy Forum (Solar & Hydro): Notice was published in newspapers, on social media and Town web page. The solar companies and Energy Committee were notified of the forum on October 20 at Fair Haven Grade School, 7:00 p.m. Members brainstormed possible questions that would arise at the forum. Jay Boeri, consulting engineer who prepared the hydro project has been invited to attend. Manager Durfee reported he has fielded questions from folks and expects a good turnout.

Board Roundtable Discussion: Mr. Galvin reported conversation with appropriate high school teacher for a class project re: plan to freeze property taxes for a specified period of time at purchase appraised value, not at renovated appraisal. He has yet to receive a response.

Mr. Richards inquired re: the Town Plan. Members expressed frustration with the slow progress.

Mr. Richards was approached by someone who was charged \$35 by the Town when moving a mobile home from Fair Haven to Castleton. Mr. Durfee will research the matter.

Mr. Frazier noted someone reported receiving less than courteous treatment when paying their water bill.

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The checkbook status is \$78,199.58

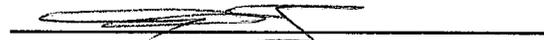
Mr. Sheldon made a motion to sign warrants: General Fund, \$34,346.22; Payroll, \$26,789.58; seconded by Mr. Frazier and passed unanimously.

Executive Session – Union Contract Discussion: Mr. Frazier moved the Board and Town Manager into executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the Union Contract; seconded by Mr. Holzworth and passed unanimously.

At 9:35 p.m. Frazier moved to exit Executive Session. Sheldon seconded. All in favor. No action taken.

At 9:35 p.m. Frazier moved to adjourn. Sheldon seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Stanley


Richard Frazier, Board Clerk