

**TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT  
SELECTBOARD  
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS  
LIQUOR COMMISSIONERS-CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Select Board Meeting  
September 27, 2016**

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

**Members Absent:** Chris Cole

**Others Present:** Town Manager Herb Durfee III, Minute Taker Claire Stanley, Glen Roberts, Jeremiah Behnken, PEG TV, John Lulek, Neil Robinson, Patrick Frazier, Emily Cutts, Rutland Herald, Lynn LaRock, FHRS Board, Willem Leenman, FHRS Board, Len Reid, FHRS Board, Mary McNeil, Victoria Angis, Tyler Hock, FH Rescue, Michael Provencher.

**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. Holzworth made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2016 Meeting; seconded by Mr. Frazier. The motion passed 3-0-0.

**Five Minutes for Public Comment:** Mr. Robinson inquired the status of the hydro energy project. Awaiting feedback from Mr. Stevens re: the agreement with the Town. Manager Durfee will reach out to him and Mike Stannard. Mr. Richards stated there is a need to schedule a meeting of the Energy Committee.

**Department Heads and Committee Reports:** Town Manager Durfee reported:

- Reminder -- a special budget meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
- Have received the \$350,000 (80%/20% match) Bike and Pedestrian grant. It is to be used for the design, bidding process and construction of the Mechanic Street sidewalk. Need to coordinate with the water line project construction.
- In packets -- VLCT Action Paper #3, Land Use and Energy
- Members are invited to an event on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Poultney Legion to celebrate Jonas Rosenthal's 31 years as Poultney Town Manager.
- The Town Plan approval is received. This allows eligibility to apply for programs; will start the process of Downtown Designation. Mr. Frazier inquired if it impacts funding for the Adams Street Bridge. There is very little funding, extremely competitive to non existant.
- There was an article about Phil Stannard, Jr. in the autumn edition of Northern Woodlands
- Information re: petitions is in members' packets
- Received the decision (in favor of the Town) from the Marcy arbitration

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- Heating oil bids are out
- Bolger Road paving is done -- Mr. Holzworth noted shoulders still have significant drops
- Mr. Frazier asked for more detailed DPW report

**Public Hearing: Demolition & Disposal of the Former Municipal Airport Hangar Building:** The hearing is not necessary, but offers an opportunity for public input. Victoria Angis offered a synopsis of the airport history including that it was built in 1937 offering instruction, scenic rides and charter flights; it was destroyed in 1950 by a hurricane and re-built in 1952. Ms. Angis asked that the Board work with the Historical Society to establish a permanent educational display; salvage some lumber to include in the display; that historical information be included in the display and to have a roadside marker to call attention to it. Discussion followed. Need a zoning permit to demolish; Earth Waste Management is the only company to respond to the salvage ad; Manager Durfee will work with Ms. Angis to visit the hangar to investigate possible lumber salvage for the historical display.

**Joint Meeting with Fair Haven Rescue, Inc. Representatives:** Leonard Reid, Hampton FHR Board member, reported they are back to a businesslike operation. With college kids back in school and fall chores done, there are full shifts for the rest of the month. October shift sheets are not yet posted. He feels they are on the ball and have a squad to be proud of. There is difficulty in attracting qualified personnel; training is expensive; to meet rules and regulations criteria, even a driver must be a certified EMT; if staffing is not available, Mutual Aid is automatically called. Willam Leenman, West Haven FHR Board member, stated he is proud to serve on the Board. He noted FHR is writing off \$15,000/\$20,000 per month in uncollected services; they are aggressive in billing; it is a well-run organization working hard, doing their best. Michael Provencher noted there is only one full time person. Again, it is difficult to find qualified personnel. The Board thanked FHR members for their time and urged more frequent communication.

**Sewer Abatement Request--Jennifer & Grady McDermott, Acct. #407, 10 River St., Apt. #1:** A malfunctioning hot water heater caused leaking in basement (information in packets). Correction has been made. Using usual calculations equals a one-time sewer abatement of \$651.75. Mr. Frazier made a motion to grant a one-time sewer abatement of \$651.75 as requested; seconded by Mr. Sheldon and carried 4-0-0.

**Act 250 Notice Delegation:** Act 250 is going the digital route and requests e-mail address of those designated to receive their filings. Mr. Holzworth made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign necessary forms delegating the Town Manager, Town Clerk and Zoning Administrator to receive Act 250 filings digitally; seconded by Mr. Sheldon. The motion carried 3-1-0 with Mr. Frazier dissenting.

**Warn Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 and Public Informational Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016 -- Petitioned Article Regarding Water & Sewer Rates:** Mr. Frazier made a motion to warn a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 and Public Informational Meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016 -- Petitioned Article Regarding Water & Sewer Rates; seconded by Mr. Sheldon. The November 7<sup>th</sup> Informational meeting will be at the Municipal Building conference room at 7:00 p.m. The November 8<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting will be at the American Legion hall, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The motion carried 3-1-0 with Mr. Holzworth dissenting.

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**FYE 2018 Budget -- Handout Proposed Draft:** Town Manager Durfee handed out FYE 2018 Budget binders to members and gave an overview of the contents.

**Transfer Station Fees:** This matter was tabled from last meeting to allow members time to study the spreadsheet information. The Board budgeted a revenue increase of \$25,000. To generate the increase, the proposed bag fee is increased from \$1.50 to \$2.00; scale tonnage from \$130 to \$175. Discussion included: current contract is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 3 year contract; the market for scrap metal and recyclables has declined sharply; making better use of the cash register capabilities; when to start making the fee changes; the State average bag fee is \$2.44; there is a 22% saving using scale tonnage; the goal is to make the transfer station self-sufficient. Mr. Sheldon **made a motion to approve the Transfer Station rate structure as presented**; seconded by Mr. Holzworth and passed 4-0-0.

**Improved Street Lighting for Crosswalk between Interior Connections and Bus Stop:** Mr. Sheldon **moved to table this matter**; seconded by Mr. Frazier and passed 4-0-0.

**Board Roundtable Discussion:** Mr. Richards inquired the process to have signs on Bolger Road to stop the use of "Jake Brakes" near the Maplewood Inn.

Habitat for Humanity requested e-mail addresses to invite members to the Open House for the West Street rehabilitated home. It was the first one done in this area; four or five more are planned; this house is sold; members agreed to provide the addresses.

The **checkbook status** is \$280,820.03.

Mr. Sheldon moved to **approve payment of Warrants: Payroll, \$28,423.53; General Fund, \$104,687.34**; seconded by Mr. Frazier and passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Frazier **moved to adjourn** at 8:58 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Sheldon and passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claire Stanley

  
Richard Frazier, Board Clerk