

TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT

Special Meeting

Selectboard, Water & Sewer Commissioners, Liquor Commissioners, Cemetery Commissioners

Tuesday, January 19, 2023 -- 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89966375289>

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Glen Traverse, Bob Richards, Chadd Viger, Jay Brown, Rich Greenough

Others Present: Town Manager Joe Gunter, Recording Secretary Claire Stanley

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Richards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Five Minutes for Public Comment: None

Park Lighting and Park and Ride Projects -- Funding Discussion: Manager Gunter stated that bids were expected to be higher than budget. Bids were: Park Lighting, \$100,000 over; Park and Ride, \$120,000 over. Does the Board wish to provide American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to make up the difference. Discussion was, what increased (materials, labor, change of design). Manager Gunter said that in this case, if postponed a year, could apply for more grant funds. It is felt that no one wants to wait; frustration is already being felt; that the projects are so far along, it would be a mistake not to go ahead. Mr. Viger said that from what he is reading, costs are not going to decrease; these projects will show immediate improvement in Town and there is no better use for ARPA funds. Mr. Traverse **made a motion to use \$220,000 of ARPA funds to fund the Lights in the Park and Park and Ride projects**; seconded by Mr. Brown and passed unanimously. Manager Gunter noted he will send the necessary paperwork tomorrow.

Mr. Greenough noted that there was an emergency funding meeting in Montpelier stating that Federal funds are drying up. It is doubtful that we will be receiving any more funds.

Adoption of Bond Resolutions for Water Line Upgrades: Mr. Brown **made a motion to adopt the Bond Resolutions Certificate for Water Line Upgrades**; seconded by Mr. Traverse and passed unanimously.

Mr. Traverse **made a motion to adopt the Declaration of Official Intent of the Town of Fair Haven to Re-imburse Certain expenditures from Proceeds of indebtedness**; seconded by Mr. Brown. This project is to replace the main waterline from Prospect Street to Downtown before the State paves, that work expected in 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of March 2023 Town Warning: Members reviewed the warning articles and made no changes except to remove article 27. Mr. Viger stated it is the Select Board's job as elected

officials, to decide whether or not to move forward with plans to replace the Town garage. Mr. Brown **made a motion to approve the Town Warning**; seconded by Mr. Viger and passed unanimously.

Mr. Brown stated that members should study their diagram of the proposed phosphorous removal project. The diagram is misleading and seems to show all the stormwater gathered will be dissipated in the Park; does any water leave the facility. Possible problems arise with that. Hilary Solomon of the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District will be contacted for more information and clarification.

Mr. Brown moved to **adjourn** at 7:42 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed

Respectfully submitted: Claire Stanley

Glen Traverse, Board Clerk