

TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT
SELECTBOARD; Water and Sewer Commissioners; Liquor Commissioners;
Cemetery Commissioners
REGULAR Select Board Meeting
Municipal Building, Fair Haven, VT -- November 3, 2020 -- 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Jeff Sheldon (on phone), Jay Brown, Glen Traverse, Carol Egan

Members Absent: Bob Richards

Others Present: Town Manager Joseph Gunter, Recording Secretary Claire Stanley, Rod Holzworth, II, Cindy Pritchard, Judi Sutherland, Michael Davidson

Call to Order: In the absence of the Board Chairman, Town Manager Gunter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appoint an Interim Chairman: Ms. Egan nominated Mr. Traverse to serve as interim Chairman; seconded by Mr. Sheldon and passed.

Amendments to the Agenda: Mr. Brown made a motion to table "Meeting with Benson Select Board", "Budget Review" and "Parking Lot"; seconded by Mr. Sheldon and passed.

Ms. Egan made a motion to add "Grant Recipients"; seconded by Mr. Sheldon and passed.

Grant Recipients: Mr. Traverse noted that the Board had submitted five applications to the Department of Buildings and General Services for Community grants; three were accepted (for electrical repair, winterization and sprinklers). The Board recognized and congratulated grant recipients Cindy Pritchard, Judi Sutherland and Michael Davidson. A photo was taken of the recipients and Board members.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting; seconded by Ms. Egan and passed.

Ms. Egan made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting; seconded by Mr. Brown and passed.

Five Minutes for Public Comment: Mr. Holzworth reported he has received calls re: is the Northeast Corridor power line project still active? Manager Gunter stated yes, their license is renewed. Building is stalled because there is no market; will resume when the market for power is improved.

Department Head Reports: Manager Gunter reported for Police: *Halloween was peaceful

- * There was a speeding pursuit, traveling 78 mph in a 35 mph zone
- * Investigated a suicide attempt last week
- * There was a rollover on Rte. 4

Department of Public Works: *Continue winterizing

- * Shut off water at Cedar Grove Cemetery; also at the Rec field; used antifreeze in the trailer; fountain will be shut off later
- * Road grading will continue when conditions are dryer
- * Everything is OK at the Water Plant; new ultrasonic equipment is working well
- * The new feed pipe was done by Fergusons
- * Working on upgrades at the two pump stations

Town Manager Report & Communications: Manager Gunter reported:

- * Received a letter from Sharon Bales, concerned that she might be forced to connect to the sewer system
- * Communication from Judy Brennon, State Dept. is very pleased with what the Town is doing for businesses
- * Working on delinquent taxes; found four properties listing deceased owners
- * The Insurance Co. is allowing \$28,000 toward the Firehouse beam
- * The architect is working on elevator drawing
- * Joe Fester, DPW is working on cleaning storm drain street grids
- * Will allow dump stickers to roll over to May -- changing to fiscal year purchases
- * Prepared a handout: comparison with other towns of quarterly cost for average usage of 9000 gallons per quarter. The average quarterly bill is \$223.45; Fair Haven is \$236.51
- * Have received no response re: the sink hole on Washington St. at Peoples United Bank. The Town will make repairs when paving at S. Main Street

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Plots: Mr. Brown made a motion to approve sale of cemetery lot 110 in section 11, 2 graves as requested by Edward Patrick King; seconded by Ms. Egan and passed.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve sale of cemetery lot 113 & 114 in section 17, 3 graves as requested by Joseph and Paul Bushey; seconded by Ms. Egan and passed. Members signed the deeds.

Review of Financial Reports: The checkbook status is -\$18,909.20

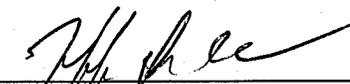
Mr. Sheldon moved to approve payment of the Payroll warrant for \$31,142.82; seconded by Mr. Ms. Egan and passed.

Mr. Sheldon moved to approve payment of the General Fund Warrants of \$61,309.47; seconded by Ms. Egan and passed.

Executive Session: Mr. Brown **move to table** executive session for Solar Contract Review; seconded by Ms. Egan and passed.

Motion to **adjourn** at 7:31 p.m. by Mr. Brown; seconded by Ms. Egan; motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Claire L. Stanley



Jeff Sheldon, Board Clerk