

## TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT

### Public Works Facility Bond Vote PUBLIC HEARING -- June 9 2025

#### MINUTES

**Attending:** Town Manager Joe Gunter, Moderator Cecelia Hunt, Glen Traverse, Rich Greenough, Mike Doran, Sam Lucci, Claire Stanley, Lorraine Brown, Jay Brown, Paul Patten, Monnie Patten, Teri Perry, Nate Saxton (DPW)

Selectboard Chairman Traverse **called the meeting to order** at 7:00 p.m. and led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moderator Ms. Hunt read the warning and asked for questions and comments. Ms. Monnie Patten asked if there are any available State and Federal grants-in-aid at this time. Manager Gunter said no, not at this time. Photos of the current Town garage built in the 1930's, were presented showing 4 bays, low ceilings, watermarks on the roof, an inadequate changing room, doors not big enough to accommodate some of the large modern equipment and a break room doubling as storage. Ms. Patten inquired, who will be responsible for cleaning the building. Manager Gunter and Mr. Saxton (DPW) said this is taken seriously and good care will be taken of the building. Mr. Brown noted there will be pride involved in the new building. The floors in the old building are old and worn and cannot be swept well. Mr. Patten said it will be much easier to keep clean with more space available. All equipment can be housed in that space. Ms. Perry noted there are two offices in the building; and to answer questions she has heard on the street, no, the whole Town office is not moving to the airport building.

Manager Gunter said that based on the current budget, if a home is valued at \$200,000, this bond will add about \$100 per year to the tax obligation.

General discussion included: Mr. Greenough noted Fort Ann, NY built a Town garage at a cost of \$14,000,000. Mr. Brown said this is a "deal of a lifetime". At Ms. Brown's inquiry, Mr. Traverse noted use of the old building is unknown. Options were mentioned, recreation -- walking path, sell or not; safety if it stays empty; demolish the garage but not the storage building. At Mr. Brown's question, there is not room for both salt and sand inside the new building, it will house only salt. Yes, the old building is heated.

Mr. Lucci made a motion to **adjourn** at 7:19 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Doran and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Stanley