

TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT

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

REGULAR Meeting -- Tuesday, January 20th, 2026 -- 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting Link: <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/85646551688>

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Glen Traverse, Rich Greenough, Keith Hier, Sam Lucci

Members Absent: Chadd Viger

Others Present: Town Manager Joe Gunter, Recording Secretary Claire Stanley, Rose Anne VanLew, Paul Corbiey, Barbara Corbiey, Ann Finley, Kevin Towle, Simon Snow, Chief William Humphries.

Call to Order: 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.

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Trucks Driving on Academy Street -- Paul Corbiey: The Board heard from Mr. Corbiey who presented a list of questions including: what are the criteria for overweight trucks; what is the duration of a permit; the area is zoned residential except 2 small areas on Sharon Drive; why are there 2 trucks parked overnight; is there an ordinance. Mr. Lucci said he thinks there is no ordinance. Chief Humphries said permits are issued by the Police Dept., there is only one way to get there (the 2 businesses). Mr. Corbiey said he has no problem with Champlain Fuel's diesel fuel, only gasoline -- requires hazmat; the trucks are larger and dangerous on a residential street, ruining our street and trees. Chief said there have been no problems with trucks; there have been no other complaints. Mr. Snow said the 2 overnight parking trucks are parked on his personal property; that business has been there since the '60s. Mr. Lucci said he understands the complaint; believes there is no ordinance that would supersede. Mr. Hier said he has lived around the corner for 47 years, his parents before him as well; don't know what Mr. Corbiey is expecting. Mr. Greenough said Academy St. is a quiet neighborhood; have not seen any problems. Ms. VanLew said she lives in that area and finds the drivers considerate, drive slow; the business was there way before the Corbieys moved there; finds delivery trucks less considerate; she understands the concern, has found no problem. Mr. Corbiey said he does not have a problem with delivery trucks, only 18 wheelers. Chief Humphries said the trucks are legally permitted, if an unknown comes in, his Dept. stops them. Mr. Lucci said it is not within this Board's power to make any changes. Chairman Traverse thanked the Corbieys for sharing their concerns.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Greenough **made a motion** to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026 meeting; seconded by Mr. Hier and passed.

Mr. Greenough **made a motion** to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2026 meeting; seconded by Mr. Hier and passed.

Department Head Reports: Police Chief Humphries reported:

- * 1 arrest
 - * 73 Traffic/Municipal Violations (104 yr. to date)
 - * 26 Written warnings (32 yr. to date)
 - * 3 Parking violations (5 yr. to date)
 - * 1 Car crash (2 yr. to date)
 - * Completed 6 sets of fingerprints (9 yr. to date)
 - * 196 Calls for service (258 yr. to date)
 - * Chief William Humphries began his 22nd year as Police Chief
 - * Ptl. David Ricard began his 22nd year with the Dept.
 - * Ptl. Cian Quinn began his 3rd year with the Dept.
- Chief will work to answer the list of questions from Mr. Corbiey for members

Town Manager Report & Communication: Manager Gunter reported

- * Received the audit report, it will go to the printer tomorrow
- * Pet Mayor search starts this month
- * RFP for inspection and repair construction for the leak at the water plant dam is out
- * RFP to replace the water plant filters is out
- * The Fire Dept. has done a good job cleaning upstairs; have been doing some training there
- * Talked with US Representative Balint about Opportunities Program that tracks census and offers tax credit for businesses to set up shop in depressed areas
- * The State owes Fair Haven \$1.3 million; the holdup has been because of a contractor; they promise to expedite payment
- * Two new homes are on Center Street, one a trailer and one Tiny Home
- * Good news – Through the EDDC, the Old School Bagel Shop has received a \$5500+ grant from the State. So far, \$60,000 in grants has been awarded
- * The crosswalk sign(s) are not programmed

OLD BUSINESS

Police Dept. Cruiser Purchase Approval: Manager Gunter noted that the Board has previously approved the purchase; this is to allow payment from the reserve account. Mr. Greenough **made a motion** to use \$12,100 from the Police Vehicle Reserve Account to pay for the purchase of the cruiser; seconded by Mr. Hier and passed. Chief Humphries said it is not a new vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor and Tobacco Licenses: Mr. Greenough **made a motion** to approve a second class liquor license as requested by Walgreen Eastern Co. Inc.; seconded by Mr. Hier and passed.

Mr. Greenough **made a motion** to approve a tobacco license and a tobacco substitute endorsement as requested by Walgreen Eastern Co. Inc.; seconded by Mr. Lucci and passed.

Two Minutes for Public Comment: Ms. Finley reported that her nephew uses a walker/ wheelchair to get to school on Maple Street (the Alley) and it is very icy there. Chairman Traverse reported that salt is not used in the Alley because it was reported (in the past) that the salt was eating away at the brick buildings. Manager Gunter said the boy's mother has his personal cellphone number to contact in the event of need. He has not heard from her. This young man is being taken care of.

Parking Lot: No discussion

Board Roundtable: Mr. Lucci reported that he has signed on to be the Assistant Town Clerk; that people should know that a Select Board member will be spending more time in the office.

Mr. Traverse noted that he has seen the DPW new intern, Mr. Keegan working on sidewalks. He said the Equalization numbers are received and Fair Haven is triggered for reappraisal.

Review of Financial Reports: The **Checkbook** status is -\$696,736.54

Mr. Greenough **made a motion** to pay the Payroll warrant, \$34,657.39; seconded by Mr. Lucci and passed.

Mr. Greenough **made a motion** to pay the Accounts Payable (General), \$173,961.27; seconded by Mr. Lucci. This amount includes, water bond, 49,119.59; Cargill (road salt), \$11,192.33; Casella, \$11,060.24; VMERS (Retirement), \$17,523.31. The motion passed.

Executive Session: Mr. Hier **made a motion** to enter into Executive Session at 8:00 to discuss contract negotiation 1VSA 313 (A)(1); seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed.

The Recording Secretary was excused at this time.

Adjourn: The Board came out of executive session at 8:36pm Mr. Greenough motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Lucci and passed.

Meeting **adjourned** at 8:37 pm

Respectfully submitted, Claire Stanley

Board Clerk