

TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT

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

REGULAR Meeting -- Tuesday, July 7, 2026 -- 7:00 P.M.

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

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Sam Lucci, Chadd Viger, Rich Greenough, Dennis Reid

Members Absent: Keith Hier

Others Present: Town Manager Joe Gunter, Recording Secretary Claire Stanley, Peg TV, Rose Anne VanLew, Ann Finley, Chief William Humphries

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

Public Hearing for VT Community Development Program (VCDP) Grant: The VT Community Development Program (VCDP) Grant is for a feasibility study to determine if the former Skyline building can sustain manufacturing. Manager Gunter reported he received information that in fact it is in good condition; it is advantageous for building modular homes. The financial model is feasible to start building modular homes; have a good work force in our Town. There are three interested companies; this project is in private hands; there is no Town involvement. Ms. VanLew said there would be good jobs. Chairman Viger said good jobs mean people that will need homes. Manager Gunter said this is the final step in the study; the grant will be closed.

Amendments to the Agenda: Add an Executive Session to discuss personnel 1 VSA 313 (A)(3).

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2026 meeting as written; seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed.

Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2026 meeting; seconded by Mr. Reid. CORRECTION It was a "Thursday"; Mr. Viger was present. The motion carried.

Department Head Reports: Police Chief Humphries reported:

- * 1 arrest (35 yr. to date)
- * 105 traffic/municipal violations (1553 yr. to date)
- * 18 written warnings (473 yr. to date)
- * 2 parking violations (24 yr. to date)
- * 2 car crashes (13 yr. to date)
- * 14 sets of fingerprints (159 yr. to date)
- * 242 calls for service (3178 yr. to date)

- * At Mr. Lucci's inquiry, there were no 4th of July issues; a couple of minor fireworks calls. * We occasionally respond to help Castleton with calls; they reciprocate.
- * Cannot go into details, but a missing person case is still active.

Town Manager Report & Communication: Town Manager Gunter reported:

- * Received a grant from the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation to search for and locate water leaks in our water system. They will reach out to Mr. LaDuke.
- * Received a grant from Agency of Transportation for safety program, cutting brush and trees, install signage for crosswalks. I have asked for \$48,000; awaiting final notice.
- * Fair Haven is on the Opportunity Zone; it is very early in the process; they designate tax shelters for businesses
- * DPW trimmed branches from a tree in the Park
- * There were minor issues at the Adams Street and River Street pump stations; special thanks to Carrie LaFond who made the repairs.
- * The Select Board has approved a parking space in front of the Grade School. The State will make sure to designate it during this paving project.
- * The process to purchase a credit card reader for the Transfer Station has started
- * There was a good crowd for the Army Band, Mass Brass at Thursday's Concert in the Park
- * Upstairs is being painted this week using encapsulated paint to ensure there are no lead issues

OLD BUSINESS

Engineering for Hampton Housing Grant: Manager Gunter prepared a handout explaining the studies to be done with the \$100,000 Hampton Housing Engineering grant. Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to approve the use of an additional \$48,000 from the Grant Match Reserve Account for the Hampton Housing Engineering project; seconded by Mr. Reid. It was noted that if these studies do not support use of the property for housing, the project cannot proceed without remediation. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Setting the Tax Rate: Tabled awaiting Listers information

Two Minutes for Public Comment: Ms. Finley said she is worried for the Economic Development Committee; need members. Chairman Viger said there is room on the committee for one more Board member. Mr. Lucci, addressing Peg TV, urged viewers to consider volunteering.

Parking Lot: At Mr. Greenough's inquiry, there is a meeting next week re: the **Water Plant** filters and leak rehabilitation

Board Roundtable: Mr. Greenough thanked DPW for the work removing tree limbs in the Park.
 * Shrubs obscure view of traffic at Stewarts looking north at Dutton Avenue

Mr. Lucci reported there are 109 known unregistered dogs. * Shrubs obstructing view of traffic at corner of Caernarvon and Furnace Streets.

Review of Financial Reports: The **checkbook** status is \$79,571.34

Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to pay the General Fund warrant, \$249,647.89; seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed.

Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to pay the General Fund warrant, \$5,169.07; seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed.

Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to pay the Payroll warrant, \$44,748.25; seconded by Mr. Reid and passed.

Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to pay the Payroll warrant, \$570.03; seconded by Mr. Reid and passed.

Executive Session: Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to enter Executive session at 7:04 to discuss personnel 1 VSA 313 (A)(3); seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed.

The recording secretary was excused at this time.

Adjourn: The board came out of executive session at 8:55pm.

Mr. Lucci motioned to adjourn; Mr. Greenough seconded.
Meeting **adjourned** at 8:56pm

Respectfully submitted, Claire Stanley

Sam Lucci, Board Clerk