

## TOWN OF FAIR HAVEN, VERMONT

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

**REGULAR Meeting -- Tuesday, August 4, 2026 -- 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Phone: 1 929 205 6099 | Meeting ID: 8564 655 1688**

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

**Others Present:** Interim Town Manager Terry Perry, Police Chief William Humphries, Recording Secretary Claire Stanley, Peg TV, Rose Anne VanLew, Jon Bruso, Don Proctor, FHFD, Jim Heller, FHFD, Scott Reed, FHFD, Eli Charlton, FHFD.

**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.

**Amendments to the Agenda:** Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to add to New Business, b) Approve a Transfer Station application; seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed.

Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to add to New Business, c) Approve Listers Errors and Omissions Certificate; seconded by Mr. Hier and passed.

Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to add to New Business, d) Approve Dan Pennington as Assistant Health Officer; seconded by Mr. Reid and passed.

Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to add to New Business, Outdoor consumption permit; seconded by Mr. Reid and passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026, meeting; seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed.

**Department Head Reports:** Chief Humphries reported:

- \* 83 Traffic/municipal violations (1671 yr. to date)
- \* 17 written warnings (499 yr. to date)
- \* 1 parking violation (28 yr. to date)
- \* 3 car crashes (22 yr. to date)
- \* 19 sets of fingerprints (187 yr. to date)
- \* Ptl. Tyler Duel began the full time basic academy
- \* Completed the quarterly sex offender registry checks
- \* Report details are included in members' packets
- \* 211 calls for service (3746 yr. to date)
- \* 7/20/2026 responded to reported roof collapse at 15 Main St.;

Building was evacuated; building was deemed uninhabitable  
Chief Humphries reported he received a call at home; a tenant reported hearing a crack about 1:30 a.m.; by 4:00 there was water in the building. DPW, Fire Dept., responded along with Fire Marshall and GMP. Water, electricity and propane were disconnected. Tenants and animals were evacuated and placed at the Econo Lodge. There is no update at this time. He thanked DPW for fencing off the area, and Fire Dept. for their work saying all went smoothly; good job by all that responded.

**Town Manager Report & Communication:** Interim Manager Perry reported:

- \* Did a walk around at the Water Treatment plant; will meet with Mike LaDuke tomorrow
- \* Is in regular contact with DPW; Trimming dangerous tree branches in the Park; expect to take down 2 trees in the Park
- \* The Gazebo floor is repaired
- \* Will be receiving a \$15,000 grant to repair roadside on Bigelow Road; are now cutting down trees there; are expecting final paperwork any day.
- \* Stone has been put down on cemetery walkways
- \* The audit is coming along well
- \* Need parts for the River Street sewer pump station; Carrie LaFond is doing that
- \* Interim Manager Chief Humphries said the Municipal building stairway is finished; now working on sanding the floor (in this room) upstairs.
- \* Cedar Street and Sheldon Road paving is done
- \* Are dealing with complaints re: downtown paving work; this work (paving Rte. 4A) is being done by the State, not the Town; and damage done will be made whole
- \* Moving along with the Prospect Street housing project; information re: changing the grant authorization from Joe Gunter to Terry Perry is on-going
- \* Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) will oversee the project including the Brownsfield study.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Park Ordinance Discussion:** Mr. Lucci said he does not have the materials for this discussion, but how does the Board feel about removing the language from the Parks and Recreation Ordinance re: alcohol in the Park. Consensus is to stay with the discussion until there is a draft of language to move forward.

**Fire Dept. Brush Truck Follow Up:** Fire Chief Jim Heller reported having a quote from Prestige Installs VT LLC to do phase 1 of transferring equipment, lights, radios, etc. from the old truck to the new. This to allow timely transfer of the old Fire Dept. brush truck to DPW. They charge \$60/hr.; expect to come in lower than estimated. Liability dictates how much the staff can do with wiring, etc.; but members of the Dept. will help with the work as much as possible.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Town Clerk -- Late Dog Report to the List:** Town Clerk Roberts prepared a report noting State Statute requires dog registration. The report included a list of unregistered dogs; must be immunized against Rabies to be registered; that 92 were registered in 2025 and not this year; the loss of revenue is a minimum of \$368. People have been notified. Chief Humphries said a registered dog list is helpful for public safety; it allows loose/stray dogs to easily be identified and reunited with owner. The Town does not have a facility to impound unregistered dogs. Mr. Reid **made a motion** to table the matter to further discussion; seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed.

**Approve Transfer Station Application:** Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to approve a Transfer Station credit application as requested by Clifford Custom Carpentry; seconded by Mr. Hier and passed.

**Approve the Listers Errors and Omissions Certificate:** Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to accept the Listers Errors and Omissions Certificate as presented; seconded by Mr. Greenough. Manager Perry noted the West Street Robinson home that was destroyed by fire was removed, leaving the land only. The Airport Road McMurry property (mobile home) was approved to be demolished and removed in 2024. The motion passed. Members signed the document.

**Approve Dan Pennington as Assistant Health Officer:** Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to approve Dan Pennington as Assistant Health Officer effective Sept. 1, 2026; seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed.

**Outdoor Consumption Permit:** Mr. Bruso reported he would like to have a Beer Garden (in a confined space) for the Slate Valley Showcase event on August 22, 4:30 to 9:00 showcasing music, vendors, Fair Haven Concerned soliciting donations. Chief Humphries said police presence would be treated like at all other events (car show, concerts, lumberjacks, etc.). He commended Mr. Bruso for doing something for the community; it's not just about the music, we have the Park and it is underused. No request for outdoor consumption has been received.

**Two Minutes for Public Comment:** Ms. VanLew reported that evacuated tenants at 15 Main Street have no renters insurance and are being charged while staying at Econo Lodge. What can be done to help them. Discussion included taking donations at events; a "go fund me" page; donations to the Red Cross. Manager Perry said the Red Cross contacted her reporting they were having difficulty getting any information from the building owner to contact tenants.

**Parking Lot:** At Mr. Reid's inquiry, work is on-going on the Comcast Acct. for the **Transfer Station** card reader. Waiting for the Engineer report re: the **Water Plant** rehab.

**Board Roundtable:** Mr. Lucci again urged people to sign up for VT Alert. \*He welcomed Chief Humphries and Terry Perry as Co-Interim Town Managers.

Mr. Greenough commented on a well-done Car Show by the SAL Legion; there were many participants and a very good crowd. The event was very well organized. Well done.

Mr. Hier also commented on the good job done at the SAL Car Show; having the cars inside the park freed up parking on the outside, good idea; being a motorcycle enthusiast, I got to thinking we could have a motorcycle show; looking forward to the Slate Valley Showcase event.

Mr. Reid commented that meetings should be held downstairs again; smaller room, less echo, difficulty hearing; this is a big room to heat/cool. Ms. Perry said, maybe Town Meeting could be held upstairs. Chairman Viger said he has heard people comment that they don't attend meetings because it is always cramped in the room. Upstairs -- more room, more people; the goal is to fill the room.

Chairman Viger reported that recently Fair Haven hosted the State Baseball Tournament, both at the High School and the Grade School playground; there are travel ball programs operating here; Rutland County Little League Jamboree was held here recently; that well north of 100 /125 baseball games were held at our playground this summer. That is a lot of foot traffic and business coming through town. Mr. Reid reminded that there is need for a "one way" sign at Maple Street. People leaving the playground do not realize Maple Street has no exit.

**Review of Financial Reports:** The **Checkbook** balance is \$355,195.10

Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to pay the **Payroll** warrant, \$56,885.17; seconded by Mr. Greenough and passed.

Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to pay the **General Fund** warrant, \$90,195.97; seconded by Mr. Hier and passed.

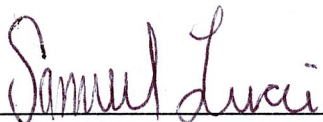
**Executive Session:** Mr. Lucci **made a motion** to enter executive session at 8:34 to discuss Personnel 1 VSA 313 (a)(3); seconded by Mr. Reid and passed.

The recording secretary was excused at this time.

Out of executive session at 9:30 p.m. No action taken

**Adjourn:** Meeting **adjourned** at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Stanley

  
Sam Lucci, Board Clerk