



## 2015 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2015  
7:00 PM**

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**Selectboard Members Present:** Tom Fontaine, Chair, Lauri Fisher, Vice-Chair, Randy DeVine and Leebeth Ann Lemieux.

**Public Present:** Robby Rodimer, Sally and Wayne Sweet, Paul Chapman, Mark Hunziker, Barbara Murphy, Katrina Antonovich, Dale Bellows, Peggy Gilbert, Susannah & Steve Chamberlin, Doug Stuart, Robert Ertl, Barbara Duval, Rob and E. Lisa Schukei and Mary Taylor. LCATV.

**Staff Present:** Colin Santee, Rec. Director; D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman; Deb Woodward, TC & Treas.; Bill Stygles, Animal Control Officer.

**Call to Order:** Tom called the regular Selectboard meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**Minutes:** N/A

**Warrants:** Tom reviewed the warrants for the Utility Department. Randy reviewed the warrants for the town. The warrants were approved by the Board.

**Public Comment:** Bill Stygles, Animal Control Officer - Bill is here this evening to talk to the Board regarding the number of delinquent dogs (approximately 20). He's asking the Board how to proceed. The Board will review the dog ordinance and proceed accordingly. Letters will be sent to the remaining delinquent dog owners.

### Dog Ordinance - Section IV-Penalty for failure to have dog licensed

Each person who keeps a dog contrary to the license provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation of this ordinance. All unlicensed dogs found within the limits of the Town **may** be impounded as provided herein. In addition to impoundment, the owner of said unlicensed dog may be subject to a fine of \$75.00.

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**D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman**

D. Jay is here for a monthly update on what's going on in the highway department. D. Jay stated that most of the sand is drawn. It's a rainy night which will help with grading the roads. They are doing some cross-culverts repairs. They took care of some downed trees on Chaffee Road this morning. Roadside mowing continues with the help of a subcontractor. Salt prices were discussed with Cargill being a little cheaper.

**Tom Snyder, Fire Chief**

Tom Snyder came in for employee evaluations of the fire department. He didn't stay but left his assessments with the Board.

**Colin Santee, Rec. Director - Baptist Building**

Colin gave an update on the Baptist building and interested parties expressing their support. The cost to maintain the building was discussed which would be paid for by fund raising. Katrina gave an update on grant money. The Board asked Katrina about the title search, discussed at a previous SB meeting.

\*Lauri read sections of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Lauri feels that this should be an issue that should be presented to the voters. She stated that she appreciates all the work that everyone has done. She moved that we accept the MOU with the addition that it's contingent upon the vote at town meeting in March as an Australian ballot item.

Randy seconds the motion.

Randy - Ballot

Lauri - Ballot

Leebeth - No

Tom - No

The motion failed.

Mark Hunziker asked if another way to approach this was to come back with more solid numbers i.e. here's a budget, would that make you feel, as a selectperson, that you could vote in-favor in taking the building over on behalf of the town?

It was decided to hold another meeting to discuss the Baptist building. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. at the elementary gym at BFA. Please check with the town's website.

(Please see the broadcast of the meeting on LCATV for a more in-depth look into the discussion on the Baptist building.)

**Other Business:**

1. Duffy's invoice, please see notes from 8.31.15. Tom will give Catherine a call tomorrow on the increase in the invoice.

2. A sidewalk update given by Stacy Wells, Phase 1 Project Manager. Easement letters were sent out on Thursday, August 27th to the residents living in the Phase 1 project area. A resident who received a letter called stating that she will not sign the easement. Lauri will talk to a business owner in the project area to see if we can come to terms

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**Adjourn:**

\*Leebeth made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm., seconded by Lauri. The motion carried with the vote 4-0.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

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Tom Fontaine, Chair  
Fairfax Selectboard

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