



## 2014 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014  
7:00 PM

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**Selectboard Members Present:** Tom Fontaine, Chair; Chris Santee, Vice-Chair; Randy DeVine, Leebeth Ann Lemieux and Peter King.

**Public Present:** Tom Bochanski, resident; Shelly Desjardin and William Beaudoin, residents; Lt. John Flannigan, VSP. LCATV, Buddy Meuller videotaping.

**Staff Present:** Johanna Blake, Delinquent Tax Collector; Deb Woodward, TC & Treas.; Ernie Saunders, NEMRC; David Raymond, Health Officer and Battalion Chief, Fairfax Fire Department; Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst.

**Call to Order:** Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Minutes 5.5.14:** Randy made the motion to approve the minutes as written seconded by Chris. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

**Orders & Payroll:** Randy and Peter reviewed and approved the town orders and payroll. Pete reviewed and approved the Utility orders and payroll.

**Public Comment:** 1. Tom Bochanski thanked the Board for all their hard work. He's here tonight to express interest in problem solving around the condition of Sam Webb Road. He has concerns with safety on Sam Webb Road. He feels that the material being used on the road doesn't pack well and possesses a possible risk of an accident/injury to anyone driving, walking, biking, or riding a horse on the road. He's not asking for the road to be paved. The Board and Road Foreman, D. Jay Leach, will look into possible solutions.

2. Shelly Desjardin is here to discuss a possible health hazard from a leaking mound system they share with a neighbor. They have talked to Skip Taylor, ZA, and David Raymond, Health Officer as well as the state. The Board heard her concerns and gave her options on how to proceed. However, the Board did not feel that it was something they would be involved with as it's a private matter.

**David Raymond, Health Officer and Fire Department Battalion Chief:**

David is here to talk to the Board regarding .GOV email addresses for the town office. It was decided by consensus of the Board to move forward with one email address at the present time.

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David is also here to discuss the results of pressure testing fire hoses. A lot of hoses failed the test. Dave put out RFQ's to suppliers which came in at \$7,225.14. \$1400.00 was in his budget for hose replacement. The availability of revenue sources to purchase fire hose was discussed.

\*Pete made a motion giving David authorization to purchase the fire hose out of monies received from a recent legal settlement. (A total of \$5,825.14 will come out of the legal settlement, plus the \$1400.00 budgeted for a total of \$7,225.14). The motion was seconded by Chris. The motion carried with all in favor.

David talked about mowing at the Fire house which he will perform this summer.

David had a health officer matter he would like to discuss with the Board in executive session.

**Executive Session:**

\*Peter made the motion to move into executive session to discuss a health officer issue at 7:28 pm.; seconded by Leebeth. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

**Exit Executive Session:**

Pete made the motion to exit executive session at 7:36 pm., seconded by Chris. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. No action taken.

**Lt. John Flannigan, Vermont State Police**

Lt. Flannigan is here this evening. He handed out the VSP 2013 annual report for Fairfax review with the annual crime statistics. A heat map of activity was also handed out showing areas of activity. The report does not include activity from the FCSD. He talked about a Community Watch program. Leebeth would like to see paperwork from the VSP being done in a timely fashion as well as a courtesy call back when a call is made into them.

**Ernie Saunders, NEMRC**

Ernie is here this evening for a continued discussion on the town going from a calendar year to a fiscal year. Tom would like to put this on the ballot in November. Ernie stated that the scenario would be to go from January to June 30, which would have its own budget, and then twelve months after that. (You would need an audit on the six months as well as the twelve month period of time.) The options of paying for it was discussed, one to put it in the tax bill which would equate to approximately \$200.00 per residential taxpayer per year; bond for it, borrow the money and spread it out, or put the goal down the road and put a sinking fund together. A tax payment schedule was discussed of one payment to four payments once we're on a fiscal year. It will increase the work load in the town office. Bi-weekly payroll was discussed as a means to cut down on the workload. Having an informational meeting, or a special town meeting, prior to the vote discussed. We will contact VLCT to find out what the process/timeline should be. The town needs to decide if they will be charging interest after each payment for delinquent payments. It will be a more efficient way to do business as we won't be borrowing money throughout the year and paying interest. It was suggested by Ernie to put in a credit card system to pay for some things in the town i.e. dog licenses. Johanna Blake, delinquent tax collector was also present. She asked how it would affect collecting delinquent taxes. She feels that it will be a burden for some people.

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**Katrina Antonovich, Recreation Director**

Katrina is here to update the Board on the circus. Walker Circus contacted her and would like to be here for two days in July.

\*Chris made the motion to sign the Walker Circus contract; seconded by Pete. The motion carried with all Board members in favor.

Katrina will be working with the Youth Conservation Core this summer for work on the next segment of trails at the 100 acre woods in North Fairfax. The state has asked for an archeological survey. Parking needs to be addressed.

Tom gave the Board an update on progress with the Pavilion and bathrooms at the Rec. Park.

**Other Business:**

1. Vermont Leagues "short term disability" provider will be changing from UNUM to Lincoln Financial Group, effective 6.1.14 at a 20% savings to the town and better coverage.

2. Skip Taylor, Z.A. asked the Board to appoint Jackie Marshall as Acting Zoning Administrator from 5.26.14 through 5.30.14:

\*Chris made the motion to appoint Jackie as acting Zoning Administrator, seconded by Pete. The motion carried with a vote of 5.0.

3. A building permit has been issued for a resident who lost their house due to a recent fire. The Board has been asked to waive the permit fee.

\*Chris made the motion to waive the building permit fee for MA2993 resident. The motion was seconded by Leebeth. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

4. Utility Department: W/S Superintendent Randy DeVine handed out cost estimates for wells located at Wheezy Way and Amoskeag (Site #2). The cost estimates are based on getting the well ready for hook-up. There was a monetary difference between Amoskeag (Site 2) and Wheezy's Way of approximately \$82,970.00. A decision was made by consensus of the Board to discontinue consideration of the well at Amoskeag. Amy will send a letter to Amoskeag stating that the town is no longer considering the well at their site.

5. Leebeth will get in touch with Al Senecal inquiring about stones for the new town office.

6. The painting by Eric Sloan of the covered bridge is now at the town office.

7. Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Duffy's will be picking up leaves in bags at curbside.

8. Scheduling the Conference Room discussed. Chris and Leebeth will take the lead on the rules and regulations for this.

**Adjourn:**

Chris made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. seconded by Leebeth. The motion was unanimous.

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

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Tom Fontaine, Chair  
Town of Fairfax Selectboard  
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The next meeting will be held June 2, 2014 at 7 pm.