



2015 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015
7:00 PM**

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Selectboard Members Present: Tom Fontaine, Chair, Lauri Fisher, Vice-Chair, Randy DeVine and Keith Potvin.

Public Present: Robbie Rodimer. LCATV.

Staff Present: Deb Woodward, TC & Treasurer, D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman, Skip Taylor, ZA, Amy Sears, Utility Manager and Colin Santee, Parks & Rec. Director.

Call to Order: Tom called the regular Selectboard meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes:

*Randy motioned to accept the minutes of 7.20.15 as written - seconded by Lauri. The motion so moved with a vote of 4-0.

The minutes of 7.27.15 were postponed until the next Selectboard meeting 8.17.15, due to not having a quorum from that meeting to vote.

Payroll and Order Warrants: Lauri reviewed the payroll and order warrants. The orders and payroll were approved by the Board.

Public Comment: None

Skip Taylor, Zoning Administrator

Skip asked to come before the Board this evening to address a matter regarding MA1126 (the former Vermont Food Venture building). Skip met with Mr. Handy, the owner, last week. Mr. Handy came in to obtain a building permit for a three unit residential building to be erected on the site of the former VFV building. Skip told Mr. Handy that he would not consider it a replacement home, as defined in the regulations, and would deny a permit unless it meets the setbacks. Further research conducted by Skip, concludes that a multi-family building requires site plan approval by the Development Review Board before a permit can be issued. Skip asked Mr. Handy what it would take to come to an agreement on the lot and keeping it open. Mr. Handy said \$35K and a letter thanking him from the Selectboard. This information was provided by Skip in a handout to the Board.

A discussion ensued with options being discussed on how to move forward. The Board feels that there's more research to be done prior to making a decision. Skip will relay to Mr. Handy that the Board is considering his offer.

D. Jay Leach - Highway Department

Keith read an email he received from a concerned resident over the condition of the berms on Sam Webb, Meade and Cherrierville Roads. The resident states that the berms are too high and do not allow water run-off. Keith asked D. Jay if he would grade the areas - which he agreed to do. D. Jay has half his sand pile trucked in. The price for paving the Fire Department parking lot was discussed as a mobilization cost was included in the quote making the quote higher than expected. Rescue may split the cost of the mobilization with the Fire Department. The 1985 International is down to J&B with an engine problem which D. Jay states will probably have to be rebuilt. Salt prices from the state were discussed. D. Jay would like to do a little shopping around to check on prices elsewhere. He informed the board that all the dirt road shoulders have been mowed. Randy reminded D. Jay of the HHWD taking place 8.22.15.

Amy Sears, Utility Manager:

Amy handed out a Profit & Loss report to the board for their review.

Amy informed the Board that she will be transferring three accounts (one for sewer and two for water) into CD's as the People's Trust Co. is changing their policy regarding inactive accounts and will be charging each account a \$5 per month fee.

The w/s bills have been sent out to the users.

A resident has requested information regarding the Consumer Confidence Report and a legal invoice. Keith inquired as to what has been spent on legal fees for MA1126. Amy informed Keith that to date approximately \$5,000.00; this amount is a combination of what has been paid and invoices received. The information will be made available to the resident.

Randy DeVine, W/S Superintendent:

Computer problems at the water control building have been repaired. The service tech suggested that it may have been caused by a power surge. The service tech also reprogrammed the computer at the Buck Hollow station as the alarm kept going off from a false signal. Randy is currently changing out 18 of the air-diffusion lines at the lagoons (there's a total of 66 lines). He's also working up a parts list for a project of putting a water line which will run across the Fire Department's parking lot. He plans on starting the project Tuesday, August 11th. He coordinated this to happen prior to the Fire Department having work done on their parking lot prior to paving. Randy and Paul will also be installing a hydrant by the Fire Department. They hope to eventually extend the water pipe to Rich Street. Randy will talk to D. Jay as he needs 60 yards of sand for the project. He said that they should break even for cleaning on their budget.

Colin Santee, Parks and Recreation Director: ___

A discussion started out in regards to the football fields and upcoming season status quo. The Egg Run included 254 participants, 98 less than last year. Colin felt that the late start, some computer problems, and running events happening in other areas, may have contributed to the lower number.

Run Vermont, the timing company used at the Egg Run, was really receptive to working with a new person; it was a positive experience for Colin. The volunteers and other support personnel were key components to the success of the event. Colin handed out a memorandum of understanding as well as a proposal from the Vermont Youth Conservation Corp. The proposal is in regards to trail work to be performed by VYCC at the 100 acre woods in North Fairfax. Colin explained the proposal to the Board and \$ match which will come out of the recreation "special account". Tom would like to come up with a plan for the park in regards to parking, signage, etc. Tom will work with Colin on establishing a timeline of work needed to complete the area so that people will be able to access the property and use it as it was intended by the people who donated it to the town.

The Haunted House is the next scheduled event.

Joe Trask, Duffy's Trash & Recycling

A proposal for work to be performed by Duffy's on Act 148 was reviewed. Duffy's involvement included organizing, facilitation and reporting for each of these requirements. The cost of providing these programs are not included such as: trucking, disposal costs, mailing costs, container costs, or other services. Once again joining a solid waste district was discussed as well as other options. It was suggested bringing the options to the voters and let them decide in March. Strategies on how to get the word out was discussed. Lauri volunteered to work on the marketing aspect and Tom will work on finding out the facts on the various options such as cost per tonnage, etc.

*Lauri motioned that we (1) extend Duffy's contract to June 30, 2016; and (2) we allocate \$7500 from a recent legal settlement to support the compliance management of Act 148 by Duffy's. Keith seconded the motion. The motion was so moved, vote 4-0.

Other Business:

1. Access Permit Application BS0131 - D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman signed off on the permit as well as David Raymond, Fire Department - Battalion Chief. The pictures of the area, provided by the applicant, were reviewed by the Board. The permit was approved by consensus of the Board 4-0.
2. Deb Woodward, TC & Treasurer informed the board that she's still waiting to get the final figures on the pavilion costs in order to close out the Subrecipient Annual Report. The report was due to be submitted to the State of Vermont Agency of Administration Department of Finance & Management forty-five days after the year end date (Feb.).

Adjourn:

*Lauri made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 pm., seconded by Keith. The motion carried with the vote 4-0.

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

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Fairfax Selectboard

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