



2015 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 16, 2015
7:00 PM**

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

Public Present: Josh & Heidi Silman; Josh Blake; Catherine Duffy and Joe Trask, Duffy's Trash & Recycling; Bob Shea; Katrina Antonovich and LCATV.

Staff Present: Deb Woodward, TC & Treasurer, Jodi Wheeler, Rec. Director and Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst.

Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. A change to the agenda was announced.

Minutes:

3.2.15 - Peter made the motion to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Lauri. The motion carried with all in favor 4-0. (Leebeth had not yet arrived.)

Orders & Payroll: Peter reviewed the accounts payable and payroll warrants on 3.2.15. Randy reviewed the town's accounts payable and payroll warrants for 3.16.15. Peter reviewed the Utility Department's accounts payable and payroll warrants for 3.16.15.

Public Comment/Correspondence

Bob Shea, a long-time resident of Fairfax, comes before the Board to express his interest in volunteering/serving as the Grand Juror for the town. Tom explained that the Board would be reviewing the appointments later in the "other business" portion of the meeting. We will get back to Bob on the outcome of that review.

Josh Blake is here this evening to discuss concerns he has deriving from a discussion at town meeting 2.28.15, as well as comments made by the town moderator at a SB meeting held on 3.2.15. Josh also asked the Board as to who owns the town's water system and who maintains it. Tom wrote down the questions Josh has and will get back to him.

3.16.15 SB Meeting Cont.:

Public Hearing: Duffy's Trash & Recycling - Act 148

Catherine Duffy and Joe Trask are here this evening from Duffy's. They are here to answer any questions that we may have in regards to Act 148.

Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) requires all Vermont municipalities to implement a variable rate pricing system (UBP) that charges for the collection of municipal solid waste from a residential customer for disposal based on the volume or weight of the waste collected. This requirement must be met by July 1st, 2015. This is an effort to reduce the amount of waste collected and deposited into the landfills and encourage recycling.

You will be allowed the equivalent of a 60 gallon bag per week. If you have more trash than that you will need to purchase a sticker/tag(s). A price per sticker/tag has not yet been determined. A plan of action was established with different board members taking on different tasks to complete. The plan is to hold two public informational meetings in the near future.

Jodi Wheeler - Parks and Recreation Director

Jodi introduced herself to the public as the new rec. director. She is here to update the board on the progress she has made thus far with the various upcoming events. Jodi has been meeting with Katrina and will be meeting with the Recreation Committee on Wednesday 3.18.15.

Katrina is here inquiring as to how she will be compensated for her time spent with Jodi. The Board agreed on a maximum of 30 hours for training as well as a rate of pay established.

Deb Woodward, TC & Treasurer

Deb is here this evening to have a discussion with the Board on the approved budgeted employee pay increases. (Lauri recused herself from the discussion as a family member is employed by the town.)

Deb brought up a question that had been directed to her by another employee on the raises and if they are retroactive to the first of the year. It was questioned if it was a NEMRC problem. It has been the protocol in the past that the raises begin once the budget is approved in March.

Other Business:

1. **Town appointments** - Chair: Randy made the motion to nominate Tom, seconded by Leebeth. Peter asked if there were any other nominations - no other nominations presented. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0. Tom accepted. Vice-Chair: Peter made the motion to nominate Lauri, seconded by Randy. No other nominations were presented. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0. Lauri accepted. The 1st Constable position was discussed. A resident had received write-in votes at the town election. We will contact the individual to see if he is interested in the position. Pat Gallant had expressed an interest in the vacant Community Library Trustee position. Leebeth made the motion to appoint Pat Gallant, seconded by Randy. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. Grand Juror: Bob Shea's interest was conveyed with no motion made. Lauri made the motion to nominate Peter King, seconded by Leebeth. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.
(Please see the attached list for the rest of the town appointments.)

2. **Approved payroll schedule:** Deb would like a signed payroll schedule for the auditors. The Board signed the 2015 employee payroll schedule.

3.16.15 SB Meeting Cont.:

3. **Liquor/Tobacco Licenses:** Adam's Quick Stop - Lauri made the motion to approve the license(s), seconded by Randy. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. Minor's Country Store, Inc. - Lauri made the motion to approve the license(s), seconded by Peter. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

4. **Purchasing Policy:** Lauri will review the updated purchasing policy and report back to the board on her findings at the next SB meeting 3.30.15.

Adjourn:

9:09 PM: Peter made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Randy. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

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

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Fairfax Selectboard

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