



## 2016 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MONDAY APRIL 4, 2016  
7:00 PM**

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**Selectboard Members Present:** Tom Fontaine, Chair, Lauri Fisher, (7:05PM) Vice-Chair, Randy DeVine, Leebeth Ann Lemieux and Duane Leach.

**Staff Present:** Deb Woodward, TC & Treasurer, D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman; Amy Sears, Utility Department Manager; Colin Santee, Recreation Director; David Raymond and Tom Snyder, Fire Department and Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst.

**Public Present:** Newton Garland, Barbara Murphy, Robbie Rodimer, Kiernan Shea and Vermont State Police Lt. Lamothe.

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

**Minutes:**

3.21.16: Randy would like it noted on page two, in reference to Nichols Road, the individual was willing to negotiate the amount of restitution to repair the road.

\*Leebeth motioned that we accept the minutes as amended by Randy for March 21<sup>st</sup>. Duane seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

**Orders & Payroll:** Duane reviewed the orders, which were approved by the Board.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Garland had previously sent the Selectboard a letter in regards to the Casella contract, a flat rate fee and the budget. Tom assured Mr. Garland that the Board reviewed his letter and appreciated his concern.

Kiernan Shea is here to discuss his Eagle Scout project. He's put out posts to show where the trees will be planted. Kiernan stated that he has someone donating the trees.

Lieutenant Lamothe, Vermont State Police Barracks in St. Albans, was in attendance this evening. He introduced himself to the Board and asked if the Board needed anything from him.

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**D. Jay Leach, Road Foreman**

D. Jay is entertaining quotes for blacktop. He's checking into costs of culverts. They are currently digging up Carroll Hill Road and putting some material on top to raise the road up. The condition of Comette Road was discussed. Overall, the roads are holding up pretty well. They used more stone this year, but saved on sand and salt.

(Deviation of agenda)

**Colin Santee, Parks and Recreation Director**

The annual egg hunt was held on 3.26.16 with 153+ children signed up. This is a free event for the children. The rec. department spends approximately 95 cents per child. The library participated with providing arts & crafts for the children. They have received a lot of positive feedback.

The Spring Fever 5k is coming up next at the end of April. He will be asking to close Hunt Street.

Colin told the Board that some changes have been made to the MOU with the school in regards to the fields. One of the changes has to do with limited use of the field(s), more specific, the football field; this will be at the discretion of the rec. director. A standard operating procedure has been developed for the groundskeeper position. Colin suggested that the Board approve Cody Lewis for the groundskeeper position.

Colin informed the Board that digging will begin next week for the water line as well as connect the buildings. A meter box will be installed closer to the water line in the parking lot.

Barb Murphy asked if there is any news, or progress, on the 100 acre woods in North Fairfax. The VYCC has reached out to Colin. We are still waiting on the section 106 approval from the Department of Historic Preservation.

**Amy Sears, Utility Department Manager**

Amy gave a copy of her budget to the Board. Billing is going out next week with the new rate increases. The State of Vermont, Department of Environmental Conservation, sent a form on the water bond. The state overlooked the fact that we didn't sign off on the agreement for repayment of the loan, which should have been closed out in 2003. It basically states that we agree to the terms etc. It doesn't change anything on our end. The form needs the SB Chair and the Town Clerk's signature. The Board, by consensus, agreed to have Tom sign the form.

Amy has two more interested parties in the sprinkler system. Amy would like to form a fact finding group of users to look into expanding the water system. The Board was alright with Amy moving ahead with this.

Randy and Amy are looking into new water meters. The Ladd station needs a lot of repairs. Green Mountain Engineering sent a quote for the plan and analysis on recertification of the sludge field as well as a 20 year evaluation. Tom doesn't want to lose the focus on finding another water source. Amy said this would be part of the focus group as well. A hydro geologist will be used this summer to collect information and find suitable sites.

**David Raymond and Tom Snyder, Fire Department**

David and Tom are here this evening to talk to the Board on in regards to money to place a bid on a tanker. A discussion ensued on what monies would be available to place a bid on the equipment. David would like authorization from the Board to place a bid. Tom stated that it wasn't a problem, it's a piece of equipment the town needs and it's been talked about long enough. David said that they haven't decided on a dollar amount yet.

David met with the state on the Municipal Inspection agreement. He's already going out with the state on inspections. He suggested adopting an ordinance adopting the state codes and, adding to the fee schedule that already exists, a haz-mat fee.

A grant has been written for replacing turn out gear and air packs. They've been replacing approximately 3-4 each year due to wear, size issues and needing more as the department is growing. David asked about setting up a roll-over reserve fund.

**Other Business:**

1. A resignation has been received - effective immediately. The Board accepted the resignation.
2. Casella Contract - The town's attorney reviewed the contract. The Board reviewed the contract with changes made. We would like to get the contract to Bob Perry tomorrow. We will receive a report on trash and tonnage amounts monthly.

**Adjourn:**

9:00 PM: Randy motioned to adjourn; seconded by Duane. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

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

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Tom Fontaine, Chair  
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