



## TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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### SELECTBOARD MEETING April 17, 2017 7:00 PM

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**Selectboard Members Present:** Tom Fontaine, Chair; Steven Cormier, Vice-Chair; Randy DeVine, Duane Leach and Stephen Bessette

**Public Present:** Deb Woodward (Town Clerk & Treas.) Barbara Murphy, Gizelle Bushey, John Lebel, Tim Smith, Bob Perry and Colleen Ferris

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

**Minutes:**

**4-3-17** - Stephen Bessette moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Duane, so moved.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants:** The town warrants were reviewed by Randy; Utility warrants were reviewed by Duane and approved by the Board.

**Public Comment:**

John Lebel and Gizelle Bushey were in this evening. They had complaints over the conditions on Nichols Road. They have had damage to their vehicles from the pot holes, places have mud. Gizelle doesn't feel she can ride her horses on the road or that it is safe to walk on the road. Partly due to the conditions and the speed people travel. Lebel and Bushey asked the board to ride down Nichols Road for themselves to see the conditions. Randy spoke of the training that a road crew member has taken to learn to grade the roads properly. The residents were urged to come in on a Monday night when our Road Foreman was here.

**Correspondence:**

- A thank you letter was received from Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the town's \$300.00 donation to them.

**Tim Smith- Franklin County Industrial Development Corp.**

Tim was in this evening to discuss the economic development in Franklin County. FCIDC is 1 of 12 regional development corp. in the state. They create an environment for capital investment, job creation and job retention. For Fairfax Tim reported there is an interested party in the Amoseg Property on Fletcher Rd. In Franklin County there is a rough estimate of \$100,000,000.00 in construction this year. This should create about 150 new jobs. The problem now is finding work force training and good skilled help.

(While I would love to write down every word from the meeting, it is just not possible. I urge everyone to go to our Website, click the LCATV link for the meeting and watch the video. Very informative regarding to Franklin County ~ Amy)

**Bob Perry-Casella**

Bob was in this evening to report how the town is doing with trash vs. recycle. Casella will provide us monthly with a report. Under Act 148, Bob will look into whether we need to provide clean wood and clean metal dumpsters more often than at household waste days. As a reminder there is a House Hold Hazardous Waste Day this Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**Amber Soter- Zoning Admin.**

Amber was in this evening for a zoning update. This year to date she has had 21 building permits, of which are 13 new homes. Also, 14 compliances for sales or refinance of existing homes. It was recommended that Impact Fee's be looked at. The Planning Commission and DRB requested board members terms be updated. The following for Planning Commission were approved.

S. Cormier made a motion, seconded by S. Bessette to accept the following Planning Commission Members for reappointment.

Mark Hunziker, term expires April 1, 2020  
Richard Wimble, term expires April 1, 2020  
Greg Heyer, term expires April 1, 2021  
Mark Kane, term expires April 1, 2021

All members approved the motion.

Randy made a motion, seconded by Duane to accept the following DRB Members for reappointment.

Martha Varney, Term expires March 1, 2020  
Lucien Hayes as an alternate, term expires April 2, 2019

All members approved the motion.

A road name application was submitted. The road is for an additional road off Bentley Road. S. Bessette made a motion, seconded by S. Cormier to accept Bentley Ext.

May 15<sup>th</sup> was set to have a "round table" joint meeting with the Planning Commission to move forward with future plans.

**Colin Santee- Recreation Director**

Colin presented an updated waiver to use for the egg run. VLCT thinks the waiver should go to the town lawyer for approval. The Parks and Recreation Committee Bylaws were submitted to the board. Any conversation on them will be tabled until the board has time to review them. There was an update on the 100 Acre Woods timeline and notes. The VYCC whom were obtained to do some of the work have pulled out of the project, stating the work in the plan is outside their scope. Colin has met with other subcontractors and determined the current plan was not feasible. A new plan is being put in place and moving forward. The board was very pleased with the direction. The Egg Hunt was a success. There were over 200 kids in a 45 minute to 1 hour time line.

**Other Business**

Discussion continued over the Town Administrator/Manager. The job description should be going out soon, looking to post in several locations such as, Seven Days, St. Albans Messenger, Burlington Free Press, VT Job Links and the town webpage.

The Listers position will come to an end on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Tom will speak with Pat McNall about her new title and will become a hired position.

Due to a time crunch, the special event for Steeple Market that was tabled from a previous meeting was approved on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

D. Jay Leach followed up with Whitcomb on the time frame for paving. Whitcomb can commit to June for a schedule. With board approval, Tom signed the bid agreement.

**Adjournment:**

9:24 S. Cormier motioned to adjourn, seconded by S. Bessette. The motion so moved.

The next regular Selectboard Meeting will be held on Monday May 1, 2017 at 7:00 Pm.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Sears, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

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Tom Fontaine, Chair  
Fairfax Selectboard

