

TOWN OF FAIRFAX



SELECTBOARD MEETING July 10, 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: Rick Martel, Parish Martel, Barbara Murphy and Deb Woodward

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

Minutes:

6-19-17 - S. Bessette moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Duane, so moved.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants: No orders were presented for review. Computer Servers were down. They will be replaced under warranty. Randy will sign orders as soon as they are done.

Public Comment:

Barb Murhpy, following up on crosswalk for Main St. There was some concern about safety from the board members. Pedestrians must still cross with caution. More information is needed for the price. Tom will sign the permit to move forward.

Rick Martel: Ricks father lives on Fletcher Road, while visiting there were gunshots in the surrounding area. State Police were called and responded. The town does not have a Firearms Ordinance so there was little the State Police could do. Conversation with the Selectboard advised Mr. Martel to seek out other town ordinances to use as an example. Be put on the Selectboard Agenda for further discussion. For the time being, the property owner can legally post the property as a safety zone from hunting.

Correspondence:

None

D.Jay Leach- Highway Dept. Road Foremen

- The highway dept. is spot grading due to all the rain. The board discussed with D.Jay the comments from the previous meeting.
- On Woodward Road- Randy rode with D.Jay after the last meeting. Yes, there were 4 different materials used on the roads. D. Jay performed the work as he saw fit. Now the materials have settled the road looks good. There is a corner that has been moving due to driving habits, the highway dept. will work on moving the corner back over about 3-4 feet. Cones will be placed in the road to help direct traffic.
- On Cherierville Road- The highway dept. was working on the road at the same time the pictures were taken to show the Selectboard.
- Hunt St. the culvert was cleaned out at the bottom of the hill. At the top of the hill, the driveway hump was cut down as much as they could with the backhoe. The trees were also trimmed back.
- Road side mowing has started.
- There was discussion about the town garage and how improvements might be made. It is still in question who owns the cemetery next to the town garage.

Colin Santee- Recreation Director

- Looking for more field space, have identified a couple pieces of land that could work.
- 4th of July Parade went well. Activities in the park went over well after the parade. There were more vendors than in past years. The Ducky Race had to be postponed due to the dangerous water conditions. A time to reschedule is being worked on. There were thoughts of having it this Saturday the 15th while the Rescue had an open house.
- There is discussion about a shed or shed like buildings being put down by the rec. fields. Also a small lawn tractor would be very helpful with moving trash, benches, sand etc....
- Facility Rental Forms are being updated. The fee schedule is being looked at very closely. The only concern is the facilities are not rented out so much that our town's people do not have access when they wish.
- The Mountain View road is being used by foot traffic and parking during any activities at the park. Mountain View is a private road. Additional signage will be put up to inform people that NO foot traffic or parking is allowed.

Tom Fontaine had to leave the meeting early

Deb Woodward- Town Clerk & Treasurer

- Prior to leaving, Tom signed the letter from Union Bank that the money from the Yetto tax sale would be held in a separate account.
- The preliminary tax rate was submitted to the board for review. Deb will provide final rate at the July 24th Selectboard meeting.

- A question was raised over the Highway Dept. overtime. Brief discussion followed. S. Bessette asked the Vice Chairman to have the minute's state he asked that this be discussed on the next Selectboard meeting on July 24th.

Other Business:

The Town Manager hiring committee will meet again on July 17th & 18th for 5 interviews. On July 24th the committee will present the Selectboard with their recommendations.

The unlicensed dog list was discussed. No action was taken

Adjournment:

8:37 S. Bessette made the motioned to adjourn, seconded by Duane. The motion so moved.

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

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Fairfax Selectboard

Steven Cormier, Vice Chair
Fairfax Selectboard