



## TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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### SELECTBOARD MEETING September 25, 2017 7:00 PM

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public.

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

**Public Present:** John Schraven, Barb Murphy, Robby Rodimer, Brandon White, Caitlin White

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

**Minutes:**

9-11-17 - S. Bessette moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants:** The town and utility warrants were reviewed by S. Bessette, all approved by board

**Public Comment:**

**Correspondence**

Alter from Agenda

**Kezer Cemetery:**

Tom states the cemetery is private as it was not deeded down. There is a process the Cemetery Commissioners can take according to VT State Statue to make the cemetery public. Brandon stated they would like to have their privacy respected and would like notice when someone enters the cemetery. Brandon also understands the need to have the bee hives moved, he can do that once the weather reaches a temperature below 45 degrees.

**John Schraven, Franklin County Animal Rescue:**

John was here tonight to represent Franklin County Animal Rescue; they plan to reopen their doors on October 12<sup>th</sup>. At this time they will only be accepting "homeless" animals. John will follow up with the definition of "homeless". FCAR will not be putting contracts out to towns as of now, but may ask for donations.

### **Correspondence**

Access Permit Application, Spooner Rd.: Follow up from previous meeting, Tom spoke with the state and the town cannot deny access if the requirements are met. Duane made the motion to approve access permit application for Spooner Rd, town highway #19, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

### **Colin Santee, Recreation Director:**

Parks & Recreation Committee Bylaws that were approved previously where signed and updated to 9-25-17. S. Bessette made the motion to accept Bylaws seconded by S. Cormier, all in favor. The first warned meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Last Monday evening there was a meeting at the Community Center to discuss improvements with the FFCC (Friends of Fairfax Community Center) and the public. FFCC is a nonprofit helping with the improvements. There were about 30 people in attendance. The FFCC applied to the State of VT for a grant and was awarded \$15,000.00 for upgrades.

A 10ft Colorado blue spruce was purchased and planted at the Community Center. This will become the official tree, for the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Colin will be attending a conference in Fairlee VT, October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. His reservations are made.

100 acre woods, there are students working on clearing the trails thru a school group. The goal is to have the woods developed by end of summer 2018.

### **Other Business:**

#### **Misc.:**

Preliminary budgets by department are due by October 25<sup>th</sup>. This will cover the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

S. Cormier will be stepping down from the Town Manger committee. Tom will contact a few people to find out their interest in joining the committee.

S. Bessette forwarded the data information on the speed monitoring from Main St., the average speed is 30.5 mph

S. Bessette is looking to see if the town qualifies for a FEMA Grant recently put out. This could help with tree canopy cutting.

### **Adjournment:**

At 8:06, S. Bessette made the motioned to adjourn, seconded by S. Cormier, all in favor.

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

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Tom Fontaine, Chair  
Fairfax Selectboard