



Town of Fairfax
Select Board Meeting
July 16, 2018 – 7:00pm

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Selectboard Members Present: Steven Cormier; Chair, Randy DeVine; Vice-Chair, Duane Leach, Stephen Bessette and Sheri Rainville

Public Present Michael Frett, Bob Perry, John Kjos, Kim Crosby, Brain Cauble, Mary Beerworth, Corey Parent

Employees Present: Brad Docheff, Deb Woodward,

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

Announcements: The Planning Commission public hearing has been postponed from July 17th to August 14, 2018.

Minutes: 6-18-18 S. Bessette moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Sheri, Randy questioned on the Town Manager portion of the minutes, he would like clarification on "a regular basis" Brad suggested taking the wording out. S. Cormier wanted clarification that the vacation policy is the Town Manager's decision and not Selectboard. S. Cormier asked if there were any more discussion on current minutes as written, yea-0-, nay, 4, (all in favor to nay) S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes after discussion, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

Minutes: 7-9-18 Randy made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by S. Bessette, all in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants: The Town warrants were reviewed by Randy and Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Bessette, all approved by Board.

Public Comment: Brain Cauble and John Kjos addressed the board over the speed motorist are traveling on Buck Hollow near Buckingham Estates. They feel there is a danger of an accident happening. The speed limit in that area goes from 40 MPH to 50 MPH. They would like the speed lowered. Randy spoke of the speed study that was done in the past from NWRPC and State of Vermont. They take several things into consideration when setting a speed limit, such as the turns, speeds, road conditions etc. The board recognizes the issues and concerns of speeding. Brad has spoken with the State of VT and the state doesn't support lowering speed limits without a new traffic study. They (The state)says lowering speed limits doesn't address the problem. The

Selectboard will discuss coverage with the Sheriff's Office and again when the new contract comes due.

Correspondence: A letter from State of Vermont (AOT) responded from a letter October 25, 2017 requesting a no passing zone and safety study on 104, As of May 15, 2018 the meeting with VT Traffic Committee voted to retain the existing marked passing zone. AOT will install "Watch for Turning Vehicles" signs at each end of the passing zone.

Deb Woodward - Tax Rate, Deb presented to the board the proposed rates for the 2018-2019 tax period of: Municipal tax rate of .469 Flat trash fee of \$349.00 per unit and the Local Agreement Rate of .0033. Sheri made the motion to approve the tax rates, seconded by S. Bessette, all in favor.

Corey Parent- was in this evening to introduce himself as a candidate for Senate. He is running as Representative for Franklin County and Alburg in State Senate.

Bob Perry & Kim Crosby- Casella- Bob and Kim were in this evening for a quarterly update. Due to an overall increase (not just Fairfax) of improper items (contaminants) being put into recycle containers, the rates on a whole have gone up for recycling. The town will see the increase in rates in September. Education will continue to help inform people what is or isn't recyclable. In 2019, there will be 4 Household Hazardous Waste Days.

Randy DeVine will be resigning from NWRPC- after 12 years of service representing Fairfax at NWRPC, Randy would like to see Brad appointed starting September 1st. Randy made the motion to appoint Brad to NWRPC as a commissioner representing Fairfax, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.

Sidewalk Bid Approval- Brad updated the board on the sidewalks; we have reached the time we are ready to award the contract. Construction could start as early as August 15th. Once the bid is accepted there will be a pre-construction meeting. The Selectboard was pleased with reaching this point and approves of the notice of award.

Brad Docheff- Town Manager: Updates

Highway Dept.

- Shepardson Hollow Bridge- Remains closed for the time being. The State will be out to do a Hydraulic Study; this will take some time but will be free of charge.
- Finished the River Road project in late June. Monies were used from a \$9700.00 grant from MRGP Grants-In-Aid pilot program.
- There have been culverts replaced throughout town.
- A drainage issue was addressed and rectified on Nichols Road.
- New curbing was done on Hunt St.
- The Highway Dept. worked with the Rec. Dept. to deliver stone for the driveway and parking lot to the 100 Acre Woods property. Tree's will be trimmed
- Work has begun on Cherriville Road to remove the rough payment; this will go back to a dirt road until the road can be shimmed and repaved.

- A new International truck has been looked at for a possible purchase to replace the very unreliable 2008 truck. Between the trade in value, the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 equipment budget and a small amount from impact fees, these will pay for the purchase.

Recreation Dept.

- The 4th of July parade was a success. Weather prevented a large turnout at the town festivities, but the set up was fantastic.
- The Egg Run is scheduled for August 4th. This is a Franklin County Triple Crown Race; more information is available on the Rec. Dept. website.
- July 29th is the first concert event of the summer.
- Colin would like to give a "Big Thanks" to the Highway Dept. for the work at the 100 Acre Woods for the ditching, stone and tree removal.

Updates

- The Planning Commission will meet on August 14th to discuss the proposed Town Report. They urge the Selectboard members to attend. The 2nd meeting will be September 24th.
- Pat McNall in our Assessors Office is not planning to retire. She would like to stay on for another year or two.

Other Business:

- Town land owned on Main Street, the short term plan is to keep mowed and bring in dirt to level off. In the long term, the Town Manager would like resident input to what they would like to see on this piece of property. Future meetings will take place.
- S.Bessette updated on the October wind storm. All paperwork is in federal hands now. Between federal and state money, we are slated to see \$19,000.00 for repairs.

Adjournment:

At 8:30 S. Bessette made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.

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

Steven Cormier- Chair

Fairfax Selectboard