



Town of Fairfax
Select Board Meeting
August 19, 2019 – 7:00pm

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: Steve Cormier; Chair, Randy DeVine; Vice-Chair, Stephen Bessette, Duane Leach, and Sheri Rainville.

Public Present: Robby Rodimer; Wayne Elliott & Jeff Lewis from Aldrich & Elliott

Employees Present: Brad Docheff (Town Manager), Deb Woodward

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

Announcements/Additions:

Minutes 8-5-19 S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Sheri, 3 in favor, 2 abstained.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants: The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by Sheri, all in favor

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Wayne Elliott from Aldrich and Elliott: Waste Water Funding:

Aldrich and Elliott were chosen to work with from the RFQ on the Waste Water System Management put out earlier this summer. A&E will provide Asset Management Plan, a 20 Year Evaluation of the WWTF and a Preliminary Engineering Report. A&E provided an Engineering Service Agreement which needed to be approved by the State prior to the Town's acceptance. The State Revolving Loan Funding Application has also been completed with help from the Town and A&E. Wayne spoke with the board about the process as detailed in the scope of work. The planning phase will take about 6-9 months to complete. Randy made the motion to authorize the State Revolving Loan Application to be submitted, seconded by Sheri, all in favor. S. Cormier made the motion to approve the Execution of the Engineering Service Agreement and authorize Brad Docheff as the Representative, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

Glebe Land:

From a VLCT publication "In 2017, the Vermont Legislature passed an amendment to 24 V.S.A. 2409 with the presumable intention of making it easier for towns to rid themselves of these minor and sometimes meaningless interest in one blanket motion instead of tedious deed transfers that arise from time to time" The law now allows for Selectboards to vote to retain interest in these lands. A brief discussion was had. The Selectboard will discuss this at a future meeting.

DRB Appointments:

The Selectboard is required to appoint individual to the DRB. With that, the Selectboard took the recommendation from Amber Soter ZA.

Randy made the motion to appoint Michelle Dufrense to the DRB with a term to expire 12/11/2021, seconded by S. Bessette, all in favor.

Randy made the motion to appoint Jason Heyer to the DRB with a term to expire 10/8/2022, seconded by S. Bessette, all in favor.

Martha Varney has giving her notice she will be resigning from the DRB and PC on October 1, 2019. The Selectboard appreciates all the years Martha has served for the town.

VLCT: Delegate Designation Form:

The town must appoint a voting delegate for the 2019 Annual Business Meeting. S. Bessette made the motion to appoint Brad Docheff, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

Better Road Grants:

The town has officially received the \$60,000 grant for the Shepardson Hollow Bridge. The town will be responsible for a 20% match. Drill picks will start with Tyler Billingsley from East Engineering.

Town Manager updates:

- Fairfax Arts Council had a meeting earlier in the month with 10 people in attendance. This will be a volunteer basis. The intention is to increase the arts and creativity in Fairfax. There will be a meeting in September. Everyone is welcome to attend. Information will be made public of the date.
- The Covered Bridge will be painted this week.
- A discussion on a noise ordinance was had. Brad would caution the Selectboard on advancing with this. Currently there is no ordinance in place.

Other Business:

S. Cormier would like to see the Sheriff increase patrolling before and after school, as school will be back in session soon.

The entrance/exit to the 100 Acre Woods is dangerous if you are taking a left out of there. VTRANS will be contacted about cutting the grass back further for better visibility or possibly installing mirrors.

September 3rd and 16th Selectboard Meetings
September 9th Public Meeting regarding Verizon proposal

Adjournment:

At 7:50 S. Bessette made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Sears; Administrative Assistant.

Steven Cormier
Selectboard Chair