



Town of Fairfax
Select Board Meeting
May 6, 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: Steven Cormier; Chair, Randy DeVine; Vice-Chair, Stephen Bessette, Duane Leach, and Sheri Rainville.

Public Present: Tracy Robar

Employees Present: Brad Docheff (Town Manager)

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

Announcements/Additions: The joint board minutes from May 1, 2019 were reviewed. With one spelling correction S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Randy. 3 in favor, Sheri and Duane abstained.

Minutes: 4-15-19 S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.

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

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Gabe Handy- Wastewater Allocation Project: Gabe was not able to attend so Tracy Robar was here to represent Gabe. Gabe is requesting the sewer allocation for 10 additional units he paid in January (\$1,000.00) be credited. Originally 10 additional units were requested to complete the 15 unit senior building. Now the project has changed to 17 units and 12 additional units are now required. The board feels the application is clear as written and Gabe Handy signed the application. The application reads "If a change in the original project creates the need for an increase in the allocation requested, the applicant must reapply and the revised project will be considered a new project. The application fee will be required again" The board is denying Gabe's request for a credit.

The Sewer Allocation Permit for 17 units will be reviewed at the May 20th SB meeting, pending DRB approval.

Town office parking lot expansion: Discussion on this topic continued tonight. Not all board members feel this is a worthy project to spend funds on. With that being said, Brad stated there is no harm in exploring the cost and inquiring with Regional Planning if any Storm Water Management is a concern. The board agreed and this will be discussed at a later time.

Town Manager updates:

- An AARP \$3,000 Grant has been awarded to the town. This will be used to transform the vacant lot at 1126 Main Street. It is planned to offer community space, shared gardens, kiosk, tables and chairs as well as flowers. Community members have already reached out to Brad to show support.
- **Department updates:**
 - Highway Dept.** The crew is out ditching and working on drainage issues. They are doing a tremendous job transitioning between seasons.
 - Recreation Dept.** Green up day was this past Saturday. It had great community support. Again, thanks to our Highway Dept. for picking up trash. There was a Rummage Sale at the Community Center. That went over very well. Due to the mud in the parking and walking areas, the Highway Dept. brought over some stone to help clean the areas up. That was much appreciated. July 6th will be a Party in the Park. This is an evening event with music, food trucks, activities, ducky race and fireworks. Several flyers will be going around for this.
- The 6th grade class at BFA worked on a project to help clean up the area around the Falls in Fairfax. Casella Waste generously donated 1 trash bin and 1 recycle bin. Green Mountain Power allowed access to this area for the bins to be placed. There will a modest ceremony to place the bins.
- Walkable Fairfax:

This was big topic for the night. The sidewalks are complete and equipment to maintain them for the winter has been purchased. The crosswalk is running into some engineering complications with the State but Brad is working on resolving that. Nationally renowned walking expert Mark Fenton will be visiting Fairfax next month. We will set up trails and see how walkable Fairfax is.

Brad is looking to work with the Planning Commission or DRB, to foster more pedestrian activity. Parking is a challenge for some businesses in town so how can we help improve this area.

Other Business:

A sign has been placed at the top of 104A. on Monday May 20th 104A will be closed. More detail on this will be looked into.

Adjournment:

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

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amy Sears; Administrative Assistant

Steven Cormier- Chair

Fairfax Selectboard

**** The recorded meeting is available through LCATV or the Town's website. ****