



Town of Fairfax
Select Board Meeting
August 3, 2020, - 7:00pm

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

Public Present: Owen Senesac and Martha Hanson

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

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

Announcements/Additions & Deletions: None

Minutes:

7-20-2020 S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

** S. Cormier stated that the board members spoke individually on Tuesday to clarify some issues with the Fire Dept. Fine and agreed to lower the fine assessed to the Bowers.**

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants:

7-27-2020 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by Sheri.

8-3-2020 The Town warrants were reviewed by Randy. Utility warrants were reviewed by Sheri.

Public Forum: This is for anyone that would like to speak about any items that are not OR any items that are on the agenda. None.

Correspondence:

- Letter from VSP on impartial policing; If any Selectboard or Town Officials wish to meet, write a letter or reach out to the VSP on this matter, they should feel free to do so. S. Cormier this is a positive from the VSP, we are lucky here in VT.
- Objection Letter; A letter of objection was received from the Hicks regarding the Verizon Tower vote. Again, S. Bessette is recused, The Board acknowledged the letter and will address in the future. Randy thinks some of the "words" in the letter were used out of context. The board will address this as well.

- A letter was received from Skyler Cruz Wolsey, Skyler is a resident of Ballston Spa Ny. Skylar has come up with some suggestions for 2 of Fairfax main intersection. The board thanked Skyler for his letter, Brad will follow up with Skyler.
- **Sewer Allocations:** S. Cormier recused himself as he lives in this neighborhood.
 *Sheri made the motion to approve the sewer allocation application for 13 elderly units at 62 Old Academy owned by DDH& GSH Trust, seconded by S. Bessette, 4 in favor one abstained.
 *Sheri made the motion to approve the sewer allocation applications for lots 4,3 & 2 on Blue Vale Dr., owned by Franklin South LLC, seconded by Randy, 4 in favor, one abstained.
- Access Permit submitted by Sean and Nikole Brock of 10 Sunset View Rd. The Brocks are looking for permission for ease of access from Toof Rd to their property at 10 Sunset View Rd. After brief conversation, S. Bessette made the motion to approve the access from Toof Rd to 10 Sunset View Rd, seconded by Duane.

Authorization of Municipal Project Management for TAP Grant

This will allow to apply as the local project management of the sidewalk project.

Randy made the motion to authorize Brad Docheff to serve as Municipal Project Manager on Fairfax TAP TA20(3), seconded by S. Bessette, all in favor.

Appoint Alternate to NWCUD

There was an organizational NWCUD meeting held today, members are Fairfax, Montgomery & Georgia. Voting soon will be Fairfield and Berkshire.

Chris Cota was voted in last week as The Town of Fairfax Rep. Currently no one is available to commit as an alternate.

Randy made the motion to appoint Brad the Interim Alternate, seconded by S. Bessette, all in favor.

Town Manager updates:

- Road Safety Audit Review, on 104 & 128, VTRANS Officials, Sheri, Brad and Tim Germaine met to discuss the dangerous intersection. VTRANS gathered data and plan to make suggestions in September. Brad was happy with the turn out of employees in attendance from VTRANS.
- The Grants-In-Aid the town received this year was used on Richard's Rd, for ditching/drainage. The project was completed in June, we anticipate to be reimburse \$12,080.

- The Town Reappraisal started on July 23rd. NEMRC is working with Pat McNall. Working through COVID 19 will be presenting more challenges.
- The Ducky Race was successful, it raised approximately \$1300.
- The virtual Egg Run is going on from August 1st to 8th.
- Consideration only at this point, to hold private events on public land that includes alcohol. These would not be Town sponsored events. We do have a Special Events Ordinance and Application. Brad will take a closer look at these.
- The McNall Road development, this is not a SB issue. The DRB is addressing this project now. This is just an update since Mr. Harrison had come to the board originally. If this project happens, then most likely a MOU will need to be done to maintain the Class 4 Rd.

Project Updates:

- The Shepardson Hollow Bridge had a slight delay as wrong parts came in.
- The Fletcher Rd, Wastewater Project; Aldrich and Elliott will be working on a Town Easement on the Runamok property, due to federal funding, the Town will be responsible for operations and maintenance of the infrastructure (Pump Station). The design process should be complete in November.
- Sidewalks Phase 2 & 3, Brad plans to apply as the Project Manager, put out RFP's as well as work with the same Engineer from design to construction. We learned from Phase 1 the issues that can arise from having different Engineers.
- Plan to apply for a Bike and Ped Grant through VTRANS, this will focus on bike and pedestrian safety. Brad and Tim looked at the areas of Maple and School St. on how to refurbish the sidewalks on School St. and include the Crosswalk on Main St.
- A letter was sent to Gabe Handy regarding the agreement of Sidon Pantry vs. Town of Fairfax Selectboard and Water Commissioners, they agreed upon to waive \$42,000. in impact fees has been satisfied as well as the 540 gallons of water allocation. This agreement is satisfied and closed.
- CUD will be having weekly meeting and funding deadlines to help expand robust broadband
- Owen Senesac is a recent graduate of BFA, Owen has an interest in working with the Town as some sort of internship. Brad is working on the legal aspect of this. Brad supports this completely; the Board Members also welcomed this opportunity.

Other Business

S. Cormier asked if any towns are starting to have SB meetings in person? Brad hasn't heard of any in the group of Managers he is corresponds with frequently.

Adjournment:

At 7:51 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
Selectboard Chair

** This meeting was held virtual through Zoom. Randy participated via phone.