



**Town of Fairfax**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**February 3, 2020 – 7:00pm**

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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, Sheri Rainville

**Public Present:** Robby Rodimer, Mike Casella, Bob Perry and Kelton Bogasky

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

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

**Announcements/Additions:** 3 Additions

- Budget minutes; S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.
- Sewer Allocation Application for Franklin South LLC, at 56 and 60 Old Academy Rd. S. Bessette made the motion to accept the 2 sewer allocations, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

**Minutes**

1-30-20 Randy made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Sheri. All in favor.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants:**

1-27-20 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Bessette

02-03-20 The Town warrants were reviewed by Randy

02-03-20 The Utility warrant was reviewed by Sheri,

01-29-20 S. Bessette approved a special warrant

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence:**

- Certificate of No Appeal, Randy read "We hereby certify that on this date there are not any appeals pending from action of the Assistant Assessor, nor suits pending to recover taxes paid under protest relating to the April 1, 2019 grand list of Fairfax Vermont."  
Randy made the motion to accept the certificate, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.

**Review of Casella Contract:**

Mike Casella, Bob Perry and Kelton Bogasky were in to answer any questions the board may have. For the new contract, there is not a significant increase to the taxpayers. Starting June 1, 2020 food scraps will be picked up. We will have weekly trash pickup with every other week of recycle or food scrap pickup. Casella is working with a Recollect App, so Casella can communicate directly with residents if they are signed up for the app. The app will provide which week of pick up is happening, a calendar to provide holiday schedules, updates for route changes due to weather or accidents. There is also an educational game for kids to play to learn what is recyclable, trash or food scraps. Mailers will be going out direct to residents on how to sign up. Casella will also have a representative at Town Meeting to speak about the app.

Regarding the contract, a language change to allow our Town Manager the authority to sign the contract was made.

S. Bessette made the motion to accept the 5-year term contract, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.

**March Selectboard Meeting Schedule:**

The Selectboard will have a regular meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Updated 2020 Employee Policy:**

At the previous meeting, a clarification was made to working on a holiday. A new policy was written to better understand the situation. S. Bessette made the motion to accept the updated policy, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.

**Town Manager Updates:**

Dept. Updates: Recreation Dept.; Brad yielded this conversation over to Brian, Rec. Director. At the previous meeting a conversation was had over allowing low impact etc. yoga classes to be held in the town office. Conversation continued over the town office is an office building and not a gym. Brian spoke of how yoga or Tai-Chi are not a high impact exercise. There is a need in the community for additional space for these classes. Should this be approved, a Recreation Employee must be on site while the classes are held. Only sponsored classes through the Recreation Dept. will be allowed the usage space. Randy made the motion to allow for a trial basis of low impact/ Yoga or Tai Chi to be allowed at the town office, seconded by S. Bessette, 4 voted yes, S. Cormier voted No

RFP's: The Wastewater extension and the Shepardson Hollow Bridge RFP's are approaching due dates soon.

Brad, Amber Soter; ZA, Pat McNall; Assistant Assessor, met with the listers of Fletcher. They all agree there is no change in the taxation of any property and there is no defined dispute. Sheri explained that 911 is only changing the map for the 911 coverage. The town maps are completely different. The only way a town map can be changed is for the State to get involved and that is a really big and time-consuming process.

The postcard for the town reports have been mailed.

Brad attended a FEMA meeting in Colchester, the Town of Fairfax is now registered as requesting funds.

We are awaiting a meeting with the Sheriff.

**Other Business:**

Duane asked if there was any update on the dog from Goose Pond. Brad spoke with the dog's owner within 10 days of the meeting, and they claimed they are getting a muzzle. Our Safety Officer and Animal Control Officer check the area often.

Randy said the 2019 Selectboard report was very well written, he did ask about one word being changed.

S. Bessette and Brad had a meeting concerning the State of VT, VT Alert, this will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting.

**Adjournment:**

At 8:05 S. Bessette made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

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

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Steven Cormier  
Selectboard Chair

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