



Town of Fairfax
Select Board Meeting
June 1, 2020 – 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, Sheri Rainville; Vice-Chair, Stephen Bessette, Duane Leach & Randy DeVine

Public Present: Emily Collins, Bill & Margaret Kilpatrick, Barb Murphy and Tim Smith

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: One addition after public comment

Minutes:

5-18-2020 S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants:

5-26-2020 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Bessette.

6-1-2020 The Town warrants were reviewed by Randy; Utility warrants were reviewed by Sheri.

Public Forum:

Emily Collins asked for approval for a parade on June 14th to honor the High School Seniors. Discussion followed. Brad will follow up with Emily to discuss options and detail.

Bill and Margaret Kilpatrick asked the Town for support regarding stopping a proposed Sludge Field. The field is physically in Cambridge but the Kilpatricks are abutting landowners therefore they were notified by ANR. The proposed field floods almost every year and would impact the Lamoille River into Fairfax as well as many neighbors. After much discussion the Selectboard was in complete agreement to show support of the Kilpatricks' concerns. Once the ANR (Agency of Natural Resources) request public comment, the Town of Fairfax will provide a statement.

Addition:

The DRB forwarded a hearing notice for a proposed 3 lot PUD subdivision at 263 Fletcher Road on June 9th at 7:000. Since the Town owns abutting property, we were notified. The question is whether the proposed subdivision would cause any concern for the Town's well. Randy DeVine (SB Member and Chief Water Operator) has no concern, as the proposed project is outside of Zone 1 around the Town's well.

Correspondence: None

Tim Smith, Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation

Since March FCDC has been working closely with businesses to share the Governor's information such as mandates and programs available, as well assisting people with unemployment issues addressing COVID-19. FCDC touched base with close to 1300 business. The hardest hit in this area was the Dairy Industry, manufacturing in this area was essential. Healthcare jobs have had a big loss. S. Cormier asked with the Governors proposed \$450 Million plan to help support Dairy and Farming will Franklin County still see the pinch? Per Tim Smith I think so, "the devil is in the details between the House and the Senate". In the fall, Farmers were still below the 100-weight rate, before coming into COVID-19.

Town Manager updates:

- Town employees have begun a short pre-screening process prior to starting work.
- The Clerk's office is now open to 2 appointments at a time.
- The Town Office is a WIFI Hotspot. The network is "Fairfax Hotspot" and will provide coverage within roughly 300 feet of the building.
- Highway Dept.; Paving projects on Buck Hollow, Bessette and Huntville Roads are complete. The Grants-In-Aid work along Richards Road is mostly finished.
- Recreation Dept.; Both Ally and Mitch have started with their new positions.
Green Up Day took place on May 30th, the Highway Dept. will be picking up the collected trash.
Brian continues to work on revised plans for the 4th of July parade and fireworks.
- FEMA Damage Inventory has been approved and submitted from the October 31st, storm damage, the vast majority of the work is complete.
- The PTSA is working on banners to place on utility poles to honor the BFA senior class.

Other Business:

S. Cormier asked participating board members if they would be ready to vote on the proposed Verizon Land Lease at the next SB meeting? Board members

confirmed they would be ready. The June 15th Selectboard meeting, a vote will be taken.

Adjournment:

At 8:06 Sheri made the motion to adjourn, seconded by S. Bessette, 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.