



Town of Fairfax
Select Board Meeting
May 18, 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: John Caissy, Catherine Dimitruk, Stephanie Lacayo, Anita Wimette

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:

5-4-2020 S. Bessette made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Sheri, all in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants:

5-11-2020 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by Duane.

5-18-2020 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Cormier

Public Forum: John Caissy asked about Green Up bags, bags will be made available at the Town Office. The Recreation Department will be making an announcement.

Correspondence: None

Certification of Annual Highway Financial Plan (Form TA-60) Sheri made the motion to accept the certification, seconded by S. Bessette, all in favor.

Certification of Road and Bridge Standards S. Bessette made the motion to accept the certification, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

Town Manager updates:

- Tax and Utility payments; Utility had (52 delinquent accounts) \$1300. in penalties that was waived this quarter. Per the Governor's order, no disconnections can happen. There are 4 delinquent accounts from the 2018 tax season. The 2019-2020 season is \$40,000 higher than the last year for delinquent taxes.

- COVID-19 Policies, Fairfax continues to follow the guidelines from the State, the Town Office is open by appointment only. All other locations remain closed to the public. The Library will start to offer curbside pick up on Wednesday. Please see their webpage for details
- Sidewalk Phase 2&3 are awaiting funds to be allocated from the State. This is a multiyear project, so the delay has minimal effect.
- The Recreation Dept. has hired 2 new employees. (Ally Kilcoyne) as the Rec. Assistant and (Mitch Thayer) as the Rec. Maintenance Tech. Welcome to both. Summer plans are continuing with some alterations.
- Brad will attend a meeting over potential Right of Way access point concerning Mudget Cemetery.
- FEMA damage inventory is being worked through to receive reimbursement funds from the October 2019 Storm.
- GMP has approved the Town's request to hang banners from their Utility poles. The PTSA has a current project in mind and the Town has been working to create banners for later this Summer.
- Amber; ZA, is working with the DRB and PC to hold meetings in person at the office with social distancing. Attendees could join via Zoom.
- Highway Dept. is working on ditching to fix drainage issues on Richards Road. Other roads have been prepared for paving and will be ready when J. Hutchins can start this year's projects.

Selectboard Comments: Discussion of proposed contract terms with Verizon. S. Cormier stated that No voting is allowed during executive session and the board will not be voting when they exit executive session either. Again, S. Bessette is recused from this discussion.

At 7:29 S. Cormier made the motion to enter executive session to discuss the proposed contract terms, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

At 8:21 Sheri made the motion to exit executive session seconded by Duane, all in favor.

S. Cormier stated the SB had gone through the agreement section by section; they will need some clarification on some questions.

Adjournment:

At 8:24 Duane 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.

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