



**Town of Fairfax**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**September 21, 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, Sheri Rainville; Vice-Chair, Stephen Bessette, Duane Leach & Randy DeVine

**Public Present:** Rev. Sally May, Sandy Alexander, Lara Scott, Hillary Borcharding, Tessa Anderson, Julie Filiberti, Martha Hanson, Jennifer Michelle, Sharon Randall, Jesse Suter, Owen Senesac and Kassiah Hayes

**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 & Deletions:** one addition to correspondence

**Minutes:**

9-8-2020 S. Rainville made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

Scott Hicks called for a point of order; he forwarded an email to the board for corrections he felt were necessary to the minutes to 9-8-2020. S. Cormier was not addressing the letter received late Sunday night, if the board needs to come back and look at the minutes they will.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants:**

9-14-2020 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Bessette

9-21-2020 The Town and Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Cormier.

**Public Forum, Non-Agenda Items**

- Lara Scott, Julie Filiberti, Tessa Anderson, Jennifer Michelle, Sandy Alexander, Rev. Sally May, Sharon Randall and Brian LaClair all spoke regarding BLM (Black Lives Matter) There is a rally every Sunday at 4:00 in Fairfax showing support for BLM, multiple residents urged Selectboard members to attend in support. Residents spoke of coming together as a community, equality and fairness and education on BLM. S. Cormier stated discussion is vital in any community and applauds people in support. Not everyone is going to agree.

The question was raised on the process for getting the Selectboard to look at a resolution in support of the BLM? Brad offered for residents to reach out to him to work on a resolution for best language to be used.

Brad spoke as a community member that we live in a community that has different sets of values, and having these conversations are important.

- Julie Filiberti asked about a follow up for a petition from the spring for a dog park. Brain LaClair our Rec Dir, we did receive the petition and the Rec Dept. is working on plans and a location. Once information is available, they will share with the community.
- Kassiah Hayes, asked about the road signs for Marsh Hill Rd and Alexzis Rd and the confusion of where the roads separate for emergency purposes, also should the roads only have one name? Brad responded that these are private roads and road signs would be the responsibility of the association. 911 Emergency knows where the roads are. Brad spoke with the Amber, Zoning ZA, if the roads were to be changed to one name, it would be changed to Marsh Hill. Brad has heard from other residents in that area that are not in favor of changing the road names or putting up signage.

#### **Public Forum, Agenda Items**

- Kassiah Hayes, has received 15 or 20 complaints from residents regarding a dog, she informed people to reach out to Brad or Animal control. More on this during the agenda item.

#### **Correspondence:**

- VOSHA Complaint: A notice of complaint was filed with VOSHA, this was from a resident regarding a private contractor and town employees on how they were handling social distancing and safety during a tree cutting job. Brad has heard from this resident before. Brad has responded to the complaint to VOSHA and supplied them with all our training materials and our safety compliance. Brad has no reason to not believe the word of a Town employee or what Brad actually saw. We will wait to hear from VOSHA.
- Addition to agenda, The Assistant Assessor is asking for approval to make the following changes on the 2020-2021 GL using Title 32 VSA Section 4261 Errors and Omissions. There is a 26.3 acre of shared common land in Paige Estates, and tax value of this land is reflected in the assessed tax value of each resident of Paige Estates.

Sheri made the motion to approve the change of parcel PA0001 owned by LNP Inc, to a nontaxable property as requested by the Assistant Assessor, seconded by Duane, all in favor.

**Dog Issue on Alexzis Road:**

In February there was a complaint of a dog running loose, Animal Control Officer Bill Stygles responded to this complaint. In August another complaint concerning the same animal was received, the animal was running loose, had gotten into someone's house and had nipped at someone. Brad and Bill Stygles responded to this complaint. A letter was sent to the dog owners that under our Dog Ordinance, Section 2 running at large, this is a violation. Should any more complaints be received, then further actions will be taken.

**Town Manager Updates:**

- MPM Approval, Brad has been approved as the MPM for the Sidewalk Projects phases 2 & 3. This will be a couple years out.
- We had a 60% preliminary engineering meeting with Aldrich & Elliot regarding the Fletcher Road Utility Ext. We anticipate construction in 2021.
- Owen Senesac has started a voluntary internship with the Town. Brad has set up a 12-week schedule and topics to discuss. Perhaps this will carry over to other students in the future.
- Social media feelers have been put out, since we now have internet at the Community Center, we need volunteers to help assist to help create a space a couple times a week for remote learning.
- New compost bins are available if residents were not satisfied with the current containers.
- Since we have gone to Zoom meetings, we have more participation then the in-person meetings.

**Adjournment:**

At 8:04 S. Bessette made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Randy, all in favor.

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

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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. \*\*