



2013 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
7:00 PM**

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Selectboard Members Present: Randy DeVine, Chris Santee, David Shea, Tom Fontaine (9:00 pm) and Leebeth Ann Lemieux.

Public Present: Linda & Wade Smith and Anna Nadeau, residents; Bob Perry and David Allen, Casella; Martha Varney, Zoning Assistant; Ken Yelsey, State of Vermont, Drinking Water Groundwater protection Division, Division Hydro-geologist.

Call to Order: Randy called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes:

September 3, 2013 - Chris made the motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Ann. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0. (Tom was not at this section of the meeting.)

(A motion made after coming out of executive session in which a legal matter was discussed. A motion was made that Randy contact Attorney Klesch to seek legal advice for a pending legal issue. The decision on that was that we wanted payment in full. A letter was sent out this week, not by Attorney Klesch, but by the SB Chairman asking for payment in full but also offering a payment option. David: For the record, I state that it was not consensus of the Board, and it's not what I agreed to. David asked Leebeth if she agreed; she answered "yes".)

Orders/Purchase Orders/Review of Warrants: Reviewed by Randy. David asked the status of training someone to review the payroll/warrants. Scheduling was discussed as to when it would be more convenient for someone else to come in to review the payroll and orders by possibly changing the payroll period. We will meet with the different departments to see what we can do to make this more convenient for someone to train on this task.

9.16.13 SB Minutes Cont.:

Public Input:

Linda & Wade Smith, BS0121, came in this evening to discuss a boundary line they share with a neighbor. Over the course of time the boundary line has become exaggerated. A map was handed out. Linda has the names of the fence viewers and will be contacting them.

Anna Nadeau, HU0019, asked if the penalty fee of \$90.00 for filing late for her homestead could get waived. Chris said he will check with the Board of Civil Authority as to who has the power to waive or not waive the fee.

Martha Varney, Zoning Assistant

Martha comes in this evening to discuss applying for a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG). The grant application will ask for funding to do a feasibility study providing a safe pedestrian connection from approximately Steeple Market to the Post Office Commons. The applications are due September 30th. The SB must approve an Authorizing Official and signatures of all five SB members required.

*David made the motion to approve the 2014 MPG; move to appoint Randy DeVine, Chair as the Authorizing Official and approve the town match of up to \$2,000.00 to \$3500.00. Chris seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, all in favor.

Martha Varney has submitted a letter asking to be appointed to the open seat on the Planning Commission and as an alternate to the DRB.

*David made a motion to approve Martha to the Planning Commission; seconded by Chris. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

*David made a motion to appoint Martha as an alternate to the DRB; seconded by Chris. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

Bob Perry and David Allen, General Manager for Casella

Bob Perry and David Allen are here to discuss ways to maintain a reasonable cost to the town for garbage removal and recycling. Act 148 was discussed. Act 148 is a statewide recycling bill which created all the solid waste districts and made recycling mandatory in the State of Vermont. Bob and David will work on a plan to help the town prepare the implementation of the next phase of Act 148. 2020 will be the residential deadline for banning food waste in the garbage. They will also look at our SWIP and make sure that it's in compliance.

Ken Yelsey, State of Vermont, Ground Water & Groundwater Protection Division

Ken, a hydrogeologist with the State of Vermont was asked to come in this evening to discuss the continued search for additional sources of water for the Town. We currently have three wells that need to be pump tested to evaluate viability. An abandoned well, located at 171 Fletcher Road, was discussed. The reason for the well being abandoned was unknown. The town will need to measure the distance from this well to the edge of the town's property line to establish ownership and evaluate any septic systems close by to see if they meet the criteria for the wellhead protection area. Other options such as giving credit for water saving measures i.e. aerated devices were discussed.

9.16.13 SB Minutes Cont.:

Other Business/Correspondence:

A discussion ensued about a tree on Meade Road overhanging the road that needs to be cut down. (This was also discussed at the 9/3/13 meeting.) *By consensus of the Board it was agreed to the cutting down of the tree by the Highway Department. The property owners, Kellie Minor and Chuck Rowse, will be contacted via letter with a signature page relinquishing any liability to the town with clean-up being the landowner's responsibility.

1. Community Board of Trustees: *Chris made the motion to appoint Michelle Piche to the position of interim trustee effective 9/17/13. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
2. A. M. Peisch auditing proposal for 2013: *Tom made the motion to approve the quote for auditing services; seconded by Dave. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
3. HealthCare Presentation: Chris presented findings on the new healthcare plans to commence on January 1, 2014. The town needs to sign-up by October 31st, with the employees needing to make a choice by November 30, 2013. The Town has eight employees on the town plan, five single plans and three married couple plans. Letters will go out to all employees of the town, per the requirement by the state.
4. MA1166 litigation: We will schedule Attorney Klesch to meet with the Board on October 24, 2013 to discuss how to proceed.
5. Building requests for the new town office: The deadline was extended by one week to September 30, 2013 at 4:00 pm. Three addendums will be added to the bid form.

Adjourn:

10:25 PM - *Tom made the motion to adjourn seconded by Ann. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 24th, Tuesday at 6:00 pm: A meeting with Attorney Klesch regarding litigation.

September 30th, Monday at 7:00 pm: A joint meeting of the Planning Commission, Development Review Board and the Selectboard.

October 7th, Monday at 7:00 pm: The next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst.

Randy DeVine, Chair
Town of Fairfax Selectboard

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* Motion made

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Any time the Selectboard "amends" the previous weeks' minutes, there will be a statement to that effect in the minutes of the meeting at which the "amending" occurred.