

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

March 14, 2016

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault, Norm Menard and Greg Christie

Visitors: Maurice Jettie, Sue Magnan, Jamie Tibbets, Rose Dubois, Mike McCarthy, and Julie Russell

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Jamie Tibbets is the new representative on the Northwest Solid Waste District Board. She came to give us an update. The new solid waste plan was approved. They are working on compost regs. New programs up and coming including maple tubing recycling, alkaline batteries now accepted. Fairfield sponsored the movie Trash at BNML. Fairfield residents are using all the drop off points.
2. Jamie also talked about the new committee Clear Water. Gave us an update on Act 46 and the Town's involvement.
3. Maurice Jettie gave a roads update. New Loader tire. Champlain Door gave an estimate on door repair and maintenance. Select Board would like to have it done \$1300. Maurice is looking into trying to collar a few culverts to see how it works. South Road guardrails need to be cleaned out underneath to let the water out of the road. We may need to rent a skid steer. 2000 is still having issues. Maurice to look at calling a few sales people to see what's out there. We need to order signs and sign posts. Grader blades are to come in 2 weeks. Maurice to meet with Jim Smith on Better Back Roads. Town has drawn stone to fill in trouble spots.
4. Rose Dubois – CVPS-GMP Bridge St and Mill St upgrade power and building a new power line between the 2 streets. They would like permission to trim on town's lot. SB is good with that. Also discussed Town's salt shed power line that would need to be moved. Reviewed perspective plans.
5. Mike McCarthy – SunCommon gave an update on the projected solar project for the Garage and Fire Station roofs. Design is ready to go to PSB and they would like that to happen soon so they can get the .19/KWH offered this year rather than the projected .18/kwh next year. Need to move the stacks. The Town needs to check into the billing on the smaller properties. SunCommon may be willing to fund the moving necessary. We will find the cost to make the needed changes in the building.
6. Sue Magnan came to update BNML. Update on what's happening at the library. Increase in the use of the community room, good programs, 3D printer up and running
7. Julie Russell went of the road on ice on Pumpkin Village Rd. Lot of damage to her car and would like Town to pay. She said the Callan Rd had not been sanded for 3 days. Not our practice to pay for this kind of damage. We only have ¼ of our sand pile left, so lots of sanding going on. Please call a.s.a.p. if you have an issue on your road.
8. Norm Menard took the oath of office as a newly elected SB member.
9. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg seconded. All in favor.

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10. Issue with Jake brake use in the village. State won't allow signage or restriction of Jake brake use on Rt. 36. Add this to our over weight permits. This will be done effective immediately.
11. State is not helping to pay for the 4-way stop. Expected to cost \$15K. Look into leasing a message board.
12. Annual financial plan signed,
13. Overweight permits signed with new verbiage on Jake brakes added.
14. Town office now accepts credit cards for all types of payments. Cost goes to the user at 2.5% or a minimum of \$3 Electronic checks can be used for a fee of \$1.50
15. Grant for sand/salt shed signed. Reviewed the requirements for the agreement. Need to begin with a design. Get bids from Cross and Ruggiano.
16. Review of expenditures in Town Office. Great return on investment!
17. Albert Tetreault asked to be appointed by the SB to mediate a land dispute. SB does not want to be involved in land disputes. Landowners need to have a survey.
18. Issue with health order at Hensel property in East Fairfield.
19. A landowner wants to access his property via a class 4 road that must be upgraded to fire department specs. Need to contact VLCT to find out the rules. Landowner must be advised that the town will do no upgrade or maintenance, the town will continue to own the land and the road must remain open to all other users
20. Gene made a motion to approve the warrants and adjourn. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
21. Gavin made a motion to keep the organization of the board the same. Norm seconded. All in favor.
22. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Greg seconded. All in favor.

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