

## **Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes**

**October 10, 2016**

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

Visitors: Maurice Jettie, Linda Hodet, Alisha Laroque, Russell and Pat Esden

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Maurice said paving would start tomorrow. Jim Smith laid out 32' of road. Norm wants to go 29' and save 3' of beach. Norm also feels we need to think about a curb to catch water to cut back on beach erosion. Looking to add pavement to the outhouse. Painting of parking lot and lines for road needs to be done after the project is done.
2. Windshield on town truck replaced. Has been cracked for a while. 2012 truck needs new tires before it can be inspected. Maurice and Amanda to revisit summer budget to see what monies are left for projects. Dodd Road has been stripped of sod on sides and graveled.
3. Alisha said that Coleman Ward is in violation DEC septic permit as his property is zoned commercial and is being used for residence. Esdens property can't be sold due to the violation of the septic permit that is shared by the two properties. We can fine him daily until we reach \$800 in fines through the judicial bureau. Alisha waiting to hear what the State plans. Board is in support of Judicial Ticketing for zoning violations.
4. Zoning update from Melissa re the issue with full time residences at the pond that are permitted as camps. We need to make a decision about how to fix this. Full time use is conditional, but that allows rules to vary for every instance. Not fair or legally defensible. May be time to eliminate the 200' of road frontage requirement. P&Z will discuss further and present by-law update to SB for approval. Alisha to gather info on other towns permits and impact fees. Ours are too low. Time to change.
5. James Gregoire has resigned from the P&Z sighting not enough time and dissatisfaction with the lack of professionalism displayed by the board who James says treat the meeting as a social event rather than a board meeting.
6. SB is soliciting interested parties to fill the vacant seat on the P&Z to submit a letter of interest to the SB. Contact MM or Alisha to see what is required. Will publicize on all social media.
7. Gene made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Greg seconded. All in favor. Gene made a motion to exit executive session. Greg seconded. All in favor. Linda Hodet hourly wage to be \$18/hr. when working as a lister.
8. Errors and Omissions to the grand list. Dukas property on Hill Rd reduced by \$262 as upstairs of garage is unfinished. Gene made a motion to approve. Norm seconded. All in favor.
9. Parcel map agreement for 2017 signed. \$2400
10. Motor Vehicle Record Check being completed. Needs to be done annually.
11. Need to have a drug and alcohol policy in place. Amanda would like to use the VLCT as a guide. Will review at budget meeting. Same with personnel policy and job descriptions. Maurice is interested in job evaluations. Norm and Gene will help.

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12. Letter from Joan Burnor. Says her deed says she only owns 11 acres but the parcel maps say 16 acres. She needs to go to listers to review and then apply to Board of Civil Authority to grieve her assessment.
13. Ryan Rd grant closed. \$194,668 total cost. \$164,900 covered. Our share \$24K plus labor and trucking includes the extra size on the bridge deck.
14. Some more detail on judicial ticketing process
15. Tax anticipation note paid off
16. Carl Gleason closed the Historical Society account and transferred it to an account of the town.
17. Meeting House on the Green needs to use the land around it to do some upgrades. Ok.
18. AM Peisch \$11,600 for this years audit. Decreased by \$300
19. AOT doing routine audit on the last 7 grants.
20. Abutting neighbors to be notified about the salt shed construction
21. Not illegal to run dyed fuel in town trucks. Will not negate the warranty. It will eliminate the tax refund at the end of the year as no tax is paid on dyed fuel.
22. Swanton Wind notice of Section 248 filing copied to the Town
23. City does not contract police. Only option is Sherriff
24. Get us on the Ritchie Bros auction notification list
25. Greg made a motion to approve the warrants and adjourn. Gavin seconded. All in favor.

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