

# Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

November 24, 2014

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, and Greg Christie

Visitors: Mike Malone, Kevin Dirth – FCSU, Tawnya Kristen, Paul Bonne, and Meredith Birkalt - CCTA

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Mike Malone introduced Kevin Dirth, Superintendent. Mr. Dirth discussed education tax and the million-dollar deficit, unfunded mandates and income vs. property tax to pay for education. He says Fairfield School prepares students well for BFA. Kevin would like to keep lines of communication between boards. The new mandate includes pre-school for 3-year olds and this will increase cost.
2. CCTA-GMTA gave an explanation of history, routes, services and rural services. Volunteer drivers get reimbursement of 56 cents per mile. They have more expenses and negative revenue. Fare increases; any changes to urban routes – are they productive? Staff changes? Looking for local support and ask us to put \$1019 as a line item in the budget. SB informed them of the policy for petitions. They need 65 signatures by January to get on the warning.
3. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
4. Discussion regarding transitional housing in Fairfield allegedly proposed by Dr. Roberts. He strongly denies making this statement and says he has no plan for transitional housing at his property at 1130 Barry Road.
5. We need to change the scope of work on the paving grant. \$78K for an unfinished project will go into next years paving and should be complete in the early spring. Greg made a motion to approve this change. Gavin seconded. All in favor. Amanda was given approval to write a letter requesting an amendment to the grant agreement.
6. Wanzer Bridge – guardrails are our preference.
7. Septic alarm went off again and the tank had to be pumped. Must be an issue with the new setup. Follow up with Norm.
8. Pond/Beach wetlands permit application has been completed and submitted. Is now being posted for public awareness.
9. Truck warranty – no offer to change. \$10K for extended 3year/100,000 miles. Take it out of the equipment fund as budgeted.
10. Madden Road experiment failed miserably. Issue with thickness of application and the mixture. Gavin will go look
11. John LaBarge, sidewalk engineer wants to know what the Town's plan is for plowing the sidewalks, especially on Minor Rd. Town has to plow from the top down. We will use a gate system to close the top of Minor, except at plowing time
12. Budget meeting set for December 8<sup>th</sup> to wrap up 2014, then later that week for 2015 planning.
13. Ok to ask Rod to fix roadside at 15 Buck Hollow and 1306 South. Dig, place fabric and the stone rather than gravel.
14. Greg made a motion to approve the warrants. Gavin seconded. All in favor.

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15. Greg made a motion to adjourn. Gavin seconded. All in favor.

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