

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

July 14, 2014

In Attendance: Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault, Greg Christie, and Norm Menard
Visitors: Gabe Parent, Kevin Camara, Lori Niederer, Jean Golden and Rodney Judd

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Gene made a motion to approve the minutes. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
2. Some issue with the town taking over responsibility for the cemetery. The Association is reluctant to give the records to the town. Many questions about how to transfer. Association has no money to manage the cemetery. Amanda to find out from VLCT.
3. Pike bid \$201K for North Road, Church Road and Park St. Our share is \$83K. Need to do ditching and culverts before we pave. \$49K to do culverts.
4. Swamp Road culvert needs to be done before winter. Hopeful that the State will pay some of the cost as it is in their right-of-way.
5. Better Backroads and the Friends of Lake Champlain are doing some work on Northrop Road with ditching, reshaping and stone-lining ditches
6. Jean Golden wants to be the tree warden. She is willing to take some courses at her own cost to get educated about trees.
7. Lori Neiderer wants to know what's happening with the stumps and where is the money coming from to do the project. It comes from summer maintenance. Stumps will be cut to ground level. Clarification that the additional \$10K cost is as a result of the number of homeowners who wanted to keep trees and wood. The logger bases the cost to complete the project on time and equipment less income from chipping.
8. MM was asked to search the statutes on tree wardens, call Montgomery and ask about theirs.
9. Jim Paradee very concerned about the cost of having the logger sit idle while people debated which trees to take out. Issue with same day requests for wood as Gabe was cutting. Next year, each landowner should receive written notice of a hearing prior to any trimming.
10. Some stumps to be pulled on Metcalf Pond Road.
11. MM to call Doug Flack to see if he wants trees trimmed near his property and call Gabe before Wednesday morning.
12. Kevin Camara updated possible solutions to septic in East Fairfield. \$1500-\$1800 to test another pit. Do we want to go ahead? SB would be more inclined if any residents in EF had shown interest, but only negative comment received. Norm and Gavin opposed to moving further.
13. Overweight permits signed.
14. Greg made a motion to sign the warrants. Gene seconded. All in favor.
15. Gene made a motion to enter executive session to discuss road crew candidates. Greg seconded. All in favor. Gene made a motion to exit executive session. Greg seconded. All in favor. One candidate to be made an offer.
16. Set tax rate at .64. Gene moved to approve. Norm seconded. All in favor.

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17. Permit for wetlands for Pond parking lot is too complicated for us to complete. Need to hire a consultant.
18. Concern about cost of Swamp Road fix. Amanda to follow up with Jim Smith
19. Land records are to be put online. Included in the original contract to computerize land records. Gavin moved to approve. Greg seconded. All in favor.
20. USDA/Yellowwood issue solved. Final reimbursement submitted.
21. FEMA ice storm cleanup. Cost to the Town was \$36,821. FEMA estimate was \$27,000 of which we received \$20K. Town share was to be \$2,700, State share 15%. Town will absorb the excess in the budget.
22. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Gene seconded. All in favor.

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