

# Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

April 14, 2014

In Attendance: Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault, Norm Menard and Greg Christie  
Visitors: Denise Smith, Sean Ingram, Kevin Camara, Alan Huizenga, David Howe,  
Marty Hornick, Joanna Jerosse, Kristin Hughes

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Denise Smith (Friends of Lake Champlain) and Sean Ingram (Stone Environmental) came to review the final storm water report. Reviewed issues with some roads having high shoulders, not crowned properly. Specific issues discussed on Pumpkin Village, Shenang, Ridge, Chester Arthur, Bradley and Northrup. Reviewed the problem area data sheets for these roads.
2. Kevin Camara and Alan Huizenga from Green Mountain Engineering came to review where we are on septic planning for East Fairfield. Quoted \$1800 to do test pits on the Rainville property using town equipment to do the digging. Fairfield and East Fairfield are on State priority list. USDA now uses 2010 census so we will get 45% funding. Could also get a pollution abatement grant of 35% on allowable items. There is also a State of VT Community Development Grant of \$100K or so. We could end up with funding of 50-60%. They would like to go ahead with test pits. Greg made a motion to go ahead with test pits contingent on being able to work a deal with Rainville. Norm seconded. All in favor.
3. David Howe – came to discuss bridge closure. The State would like to extend the closure of Elm Brook to longer than originally anticipated. They are suggesting 3 days, which could extend to 7. David just needs notice, otherwise fine. David is concerned about some holes on the bridge that are large enough for a small person to fall through. Town will look into welding a plate on it.
4. Marty Hornick came with concerns about some of the playground equipment. Greg made a motion to appoint Marty as Park Commissioner. Norm seconded. All in favor. Marty will make recommendations about what needs fixing.
5. Joanna Jerosse received a Building Healthy Communities grant to improve recreational facilities. She has \$6000 and would like to offer it to the Town to use to help create the parking lot at Fairfield Pond. Discussion about barriers on the beach side to keep cars off, cement pad for the porta-potty and trash cans. Joanna to find out if the school wishes to continue as administrator, or if they will give over to the Town.
6. Kristin Hughes came on behalf of the Grant Committee. They are looking for direction for grants for the next year.
7. Gavin signed the over-weight permits.
8. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes. Norm seconded. Item #2 Ryan Road should say Branon Road. Approved as amended.
9. Greg made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a legal issue. Norm seconded. All in favor. Greg made a motion to exit executive session. Norm seconded. Information only on the USDA Grant.
10. Greg made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Norm seconded. All in favor. Greg made a motion to exit executive session.

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- Norm seconded. Review of the compensation for listers. New format to be \$15/hour for listers in their first 2 terms. \$17/hr. for the third term on. Effective 4/21/14. Must stay within the current budget. Greg made a motion to approve. Norm seconded. All in favor.
11. Keane Yandow requested a 911 address for his subdivision. Need a name for the new road. Mable Drive. All okay.
  12. Fairfield little league needs a donation from the town for equipment. \$750 from the recreation budget.
  13. Quotes received on summer mowing. Kings Property \$1000 for East Fairfield, Leon Bushey \$1080 for 3 lawns in Fairfield Center, Robert Burns \$4200 for the cemeteries. Leon to trim as well as mow.
  14. Hazard Mitigation Grant for Brusco Road signed.
  15. Ice Storm estimate \$111K so far.
  16. Structures grant completed for Ryan Road
  17. Class 2 Paving Grant completed for North Road \$258K, Town Share \$83K – this will pave 1.52 miles on North Road from Chester Arthur to Paradee
  18. Annual Financial Plan signed
  19. RFP for sidewalks sent out. Selection end of May
  20. Animal Control Officer needs to be made an employee
  21. High Risk Rural Road Agreement signed for Chester Arthur. 2015 completion
  22. Fuel Excise Tax Rebate received \$10K for 2012 and 2013
  23. MM to sign up the road crew for June 10<sup>th</sup> Basics of a Good Road
  24. Issue with trash at a home in EF, possible health hazard. Health Officers to handle.
  25. Gene made a motion to approve the warrants. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
  26. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Gene seconded. All in favor.

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