

Town of Fairfield Selectboard Minutes

June 24, 2024

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, David Persons, Brian Dubie (via Zoom)

Roads: Maurice Jettie

Town Clerk: Absent

Town Administrator: Absent

Secretary: Melissa Manson

Visitors: Lynda Ulrich, Charles Verderber, Liesl Verderber, Dawn Menard,, Colin & Lexie Menard and CCVTV.

No public comment at this time.

Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes. Brian seconded. All in favor.

1. Discussion regarding the tax anticipation loan. Why do we need to pay interest on \$460K now? Let's do two loans a couple months apart.

Gavin made a motion to approve the tax anticipation loan in the amount of \$230K. David seconded. All in favor.

2. Lynda Ulrich asks for details about the Town's land holdings. Suggests that now is the time to sell and allow people to build.
3. Land holding discussion tabled until the next meeting when all board members present.
4. Maurice reports that Ryan Road, Chester Arthur and Howrigan Road are mostly done trimming, gravel and ditching in preparation for anticipated extra traffic. Cathy has ordered blinking lights for the Chet Arthur bridge.
5. Stumps have been pulled, ditches cleaned and mowing is ongoing. Moe expects will need to buy 3500-4000 yards of sand for winter. Prices as follows: Matt Howrigan, \$9.50/yard, we haul. Wrights \$17.50/yard delivered. Decision to buy as much as we can get from local sources, at a much better price.
6. Review of driveway standard approval process. Should add a sightline standard. SB does not need to decide. Moe/Tim Corey continue to approve driveways. Should revise the timeline so developers don't ask for permission after the fact.
7. Moe should look for a new or new to us mower to replace the one we are using now.
8. Field Days is looking for a new property. They would like support from all the surrounding towns in their effort to purchase the land they currently occupy from the State.

Gavin made a motion to support Franklin County Field Days in their effort to purchase the property they now occupy. Tom seconded. All in favor. Letter of support signed.

9. Gabe Parent will take down the trees near Chesters.
10. Handicap ramp done on old Town Clerk Office.

These minutes exist in draft form until approved by the Selectboard.

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11. P&Z Update. Met tonight to discuss a public request for a date change for the July meeting. We decided to stick with July 3rd, but not close the meeting until August to give the public ample opportunity to comment.
12. Discussion regarding the warrants. The cover page is incorrect. Two SB members will come in tomorrow to sign and the warrants will be ratified at the next meeting.

Gavin made a motion to adjourn. David seconded. All in favor.