

Town of Fairfield Selectboard Minutes

June 23, 2025

In Attendance: Gavin Ryan, Ron Bocash, Brian Dubie and David Persons

Roads: Maurice Jettie

Town Clerk: Not Present

Town Administrator: Cathy Ainsworth

Secretary: Melissa Manson

Visitors: NWATV

Cathy and Melissa updated the board on changes to the open meeting law, specifically in regard to executive session. The agenda must reflect a clear purpose for the exec. session.

David made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Brian seconded. All in favor.

1. Cathy reviewed potential grader financing through PTC of 4% over 4 years with lower rates available for shorter terms. Selectboard discussion and recap of grader purchase. \$264.5K. Gavin suggested we look into municipal financing, previously 2%. Cathy to research and bring financing options to the next meeting.

Ron made a motion to purchase the grader and look for the best rate possible. David seconded. All in favor. Gavin signed John Deere quote.

Brian made a motion to approve the minutes of 06.09.25 as amended. Ron seconded. All in favor.

2. New RFP for Barrywilde Rd property presented by Cathy.

Brian made a motion to post the second- round RFP for Barrywilde. Ron seconded. All in favor.

3. Maurice reports that the new truck still doesn't have a box and no anticipated delivery date. Bugbee Insulation quote is \$16,600 for 8300 square feet of insulation in the garage with one-foot-deep insulation and an R-Value of 6. Cathy to look into funding – maybe Efficiency Vermont has a grant? Capital Improvement fund has money for it but it doesn't mature until the end of July.

Brian made a motion to accept Bugbee Insulation bid not to exceed \$16.6K. Ask if that's the best price and look for an energy rebate. Ron seconded. All in favor.

4. Moe reports that winter sand bids have come in. Wrights \$16/yd delivered. \$8/yd pick up in Berkshire (5 loads per day is possible with each trip 2.5 hours). B&T Black Creek Farm \$10.50/yd picked up in East Fairfield (2 loads per hour). Discussion of cost savings due to distance. We need 5000 yards of winter sand.

David made a motion to purchase sand at B&T Farms for \$10.50/yd for 5000yds. Ron seconded. All in favor.

5. Cathy gave an update on CD's. The new CDs, with Intrafi are handled differently by the bank resulting in CD closings at maturity then reopening under new account numbers. The

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renumbering and paperwork involved with this has gotten complicated. Cathy is tracking. We are making more money, but it's more labor intensive to keep track.

6. Cathy reports that we are on track for budget year to date. 39.33% of planned budget has been expended. Only Zoning ads and legal are above budget due to increased advertising and legal expenses. Cathy anticipates that we will need a Tax Anticipation loan in late July or early August, prior to construction invoices being received.
7. Brian asked for follow-up on the plowing at the school. Maple Run will send us the RFP for winter plowing.
8. NMREC will reimburse us legal fees of around \$5K, through credit to an invoice for assessor services and a payment to the Town.
9. Update NWCUD on installation of fiber cable. Cathy says the group is finalizing a contract for make-ready work and will begin installation work this summer, in the region (area TBA).

Brian made a motion to approve the warrants. Ron seconded. All in favor.

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