

Town of Fairfield Selectboard Minutes

September 26, 2022

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, David Persons, Ronald Bocash and Brian Dubie

Road Foreman: Absent

Town Clerk: Absent

Town Administrator: Cathy Ainsworth

Secretary: Melissa

Visitors: NWATV, Don Mangan, John Riley, Damian Boomhower

1. Don Mangan and John Riley came to review the progress to date on the engineering study for the roof replacement on the EF water reservoir. Also gave an update on the water meter installation.

Ron made a motion to approve \$8K from ARPA funds for the preliminary engineering study on the roof replacement. Gavin seconded. All in favor.

2. Discussion followed on ARPA funds and Cathy advised how reporting works. The work must be substantially complete by March of 2023. Cathy will follow up with Don to discuss details of the needed reporting.
3. Damian Boomhower came on behalf of the Fairfield Recreation Department to talk about the plan to put in a T-Ball backstop in the field behind the school. Cost of \$4975.85 to come from the rec budget. Damian updated on future plans including upgrades to the dugouts.

Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Item #5 should say Ford 550 truck. David seconded. All in favor.

4. Linda was unable to attend the meeting and sent info with Cathy. We received a quote from Newtons to replace the floors: \$10.7K Check prices from Stiks and Stuff and one other place. Make sure to get square footage and type of floor so we can be sure we are comparing the same thing.
5. Also from Linda/Cathy. We received a quote of \$1,526 from our tech person, Matt Bouchard, for a laptop. This is not in the town budget. We do still have \$428,228 in ARPA funds which could be used for this.

David made a motion to use ARPA funds to purchase a laptop for the office. Brian seconded. All in favor.

6. North Road culvert has been paved over. Guardrails still need to be done.
7. Chester Arthur bridge did not win a spot this year for replacement. Try again for 2024.

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8. Lot striping price received for the upper and lower parking lots, and the beach for \$1K. We would like to change the angle at the beach, but would like to know the cost first.

Gavin made a motion to approve the painting of the parking lots in the spring. Tom seconded. All in favor.

9. Update on the change in bank credit cards and how much of a problem it has been. Cathy is trying to fix it but would like to look into changing to a more municipal friendly credit card.
10. Library trustees will attend Tuesday, Nov. 11, which is our next meeting.
11. Cathy reviewed the draft rental agreement for the Chester Arthur Room.
12. Cathy gave an update on the Soule property/LVRT issue. VTRANS may be willing to fund removing the building once we get that sorted out to make the State-owned land into a parking lot for the trail.
13. Star Wind Farm update. The Pond Association has submitted questions but has not received a response yet from the PUC or the developer.
14. The Freightliner truck is coming this week.
15. The first St. Onge payment is going out this week. It has been reviewed by and approved by Stantech.
16. The grant writer applicant withdrew their application. No other applicants. Cathy made a suggestion that we hire a bookkeeper for 8 hours a week to free her up from data entry and then she could spend 8 hours a week on grants. Cathy will suggest a list of possible grants.
17. Anyone wanting an appropriation at town meeting must submit a petition with 5% of the voters in support
18. Cathy updated on Northwest Fiberworks/CUD and the issues with the project. We need to reappoint our representative for the CUD committee. Cathy with Ron as alternate as previously. Signed.
19. Budget at the end of the third quarter is at 81%
20. Reed Road approved as the name of the private road for Tim Reed's development at 774 Pond Road.
21. Issue with difference in local zoning versus State/Town liquor license at West End Pizza. Have them come in to update the permit. Not an issue to have an indoor pub, just needs to be permitted properly.
22. Update on trash complaint at 450 Egypt Rd. No public health hazard detected.
23. Complaint re trailer rental with no running water in East Fairfield. Health inspections conducted at the request of the tenant/landlord.
24. Complaint re metal collection at Ohliger's on Rt. 36

David made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Brian seconded. All in favor. No decisions. Information only.

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

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