

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

January 8, 2018

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault, Norm Menard and Charlie Thomas

Road Foreman: Maurice Jettie

Visitors: Sue Magnan and Peter

Burns BNML, Moe Lamothe VSP, and Dan Connor

1. Moe gave an update on roads. Grader needs a tune up. May need to draw sand.
2. Moe Lamothe came to update us on local crime. Issue with petty theft. He encourages people to call with issues.
3. Sue Magnan and Peter Burns came to discuss the library budget of \$144,867, \$105,092 to be raised by taxes. Significant increase from last year. Unsure of what to expect from Friends of BNML. There is an extra \$9K in benefits and small increases in supplies and salaries. Gavin suggested that the school should fund the after school program that the library essentially runs for the school. Suggested to find the extra \$10K or make it a line item on the warning. Charlie made a motion to make the budget of \$105,092 a separate article on the warning. Norm seconded. All in favor.
4. Dan Connor came to review politics. Friends of Northern Lake Champlain want a \$500 donation. 3 projects ongoing or completed for water quality with farms. State has given two options for Route 36 – resurfacing 2 years out or a redo 6 years out. Which do we support. Gene made a motion to contribute \$500 to FNLCL in recognition of their assistance with grants and letters of support they have given us in the past. Do a letter to State of Vermont telling them we want it resurfaced until it can be completely redone. Dan to let MM know who to send the letter to and to give Amanda some wording for an article on the warning. Discussion followed about the marijuana bill.
5. Amanda said the town budget is \$924,332 not including the library. This is an increase of .0208 cents or 3.8%. The CLA (common level of appraisal) is currently 91.86%. This tells the number of properties being sold at more than the appraised value. We have to do a reappraisal when we hit 80%.
6. Personnel and Drug Policies signed.
7. Gavin made a motion to remove a property from the grand list per the request of the listers through errors and omissions. Charlie seconded. All in favor.
8. Nance emailed asking who is responsible for plowing the Community Center. Have to check with Moe.
9. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes. Gene seconded. All in favor.
10. Gene made a motion to approve the warrants. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
11. No reimbursement for legal fees for Swanton Wind unless they reapply.
12. Sidewalk update – need a wetland permit now, as there is a section that is Class 2 Wetland.
13. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Charlie seconded. All in favor.

These minutes exist in draft form until approved by the Select Board.