

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

May17, 2018

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

Road Foreman: Maurice Jettie

Visitors:

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Moe began the truck discussion. Do we want a 350 or a 550? The small truck checking account has \$33.6K. The trade/sale of the old truck should bring in around \$26K. Gene suggests putting it out to bid or look to trade. Get Hayes to give us a price on a truck with a trade and on us selling it on our own. Prices for 350 and 550.
2. Moe is looking for someone to mow roadsides. James Monette will do it for straight time/comp time. Charlie is not busy. Put it on FPF.
3. Grants are available for a compactor. Would cost us \$800 for a big one. We should pursue this!
4. Regional Planning Grant for a road. Meeting with them. Need to send a letter of intent. Signed.
5. We ran over some trees on Pipes land. Replacement is \$85/tree.
6. Some culverts put in on Lost Nation Road, 3 in the road, one in a driveway. Discussion re driveway culvert policy. If we make them bigger, we pay and install. After that, it's the landowners responsibility
7. Prices for sand shed excavation work – Havreluk \$115/hr., Goodhue \$100/hr. Gene made a motion to go with Goodhue. Charlie seconded. All in favor. Norm to work out the plan with Scott.
8. Building materials to come from Swanton Lumber for the salt shed.
9. Hungerford Paving bid is \$22,500
10. Route 36 resolution and letter to Phil Scott signed
11. Delinquent taxes from 2017 are at \$21,655
12. Kings Property is doing East Fairfield grass for \$1K again this year.
13. Veterans Hall. Is there a written agreement? Not that anyone is aware of. If not, there needs to be one.
14. FEMA request from the October 30th windstorm is \$4,240.
15. Fire Department has been transferred to the Town. Insurance needs to be changed.
16. \$36,790 generator grant for Fire Department and Garage. 25% match will be \$9K
17. We have an agreement with Dept. of Corrections. Moe and Amanda to co-ordinate what work we want done.
18. Sidewalk. Wetlands permit cost is \$6K. Gavin continues to be vigorously opposed since the State didn't hold up their end of the agreement to lower the intersection at Rt. 36/North/South roads. The appraisal is 3-4 years old. We won't know how much it will really cost until bids go out. Right-of-way will have a cost associated with it, if only in legal fees. If we back out now, we have to pay what has been spent to date \$90K. Concern over the final cost to us.
19. Issue with a resident wrecking his gas tank by driving over the grading berm. Town does not pay for this.
20. Discussion re offering stipends instead of health care. St. Albans City offers \$1800, Highgate \$4800 buyout with no other benefits

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21. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes. Charlie seconded. All in favor.
22. Gavin made a motion to review, ratify and approve the warrants. Charlie seconded. All in favor.
23. Issue with a lot on Metcalf Pond Rd that has a junkyard. Landowners to be notified that it is to be reported to DEC as they now cover that. Some public health issue also with an open pit.
24. Overweight permits signed.
25. Next meeting date is Memorial Day. Should we change to May 29th?
26. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Charlie seconded. All in favor.

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