

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

July 9, 2018

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

Road Foreman: Maurice Jettie

Visitors: John Dasaro, Steve Smith,

Brody Haenke

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Brody Haenke, Conservation District through NRCS has been looking at two dams in East Fairfield. They are the Webster Upper and Lower dams. Brody is looking into who actually owns the dams. Act 161 was passed in the legislature in 2018 saying all dams will now need to have an annual inspection. NRCS has money to remove dams throughout Vermont. Next step is to find out who owns the dams before we can move further.
2. Steve Smith, Fairfield Little League and John Dasaro, Rec Committee came to talk about the issue with the pitching machine located on Town land and under the control of the Little League. Amanda to create a 5 year renewable lease at a rate of \$1/year for the 12X20X100 foot building located on the ball field in East Fairfield located at 124 School St. in East Fairfield and it's contents to Missisquoi Little League. They will provide their own power and insurance. Amanda to draft something for Little League to approve. Should include wording to allow 7/8th grade to use the pitching machine.
3. Rec Committee is having issues finding people interested in being on the committee. John is working with Rise Vermont to get stuff going on in Fairfield.
4. Moe reports that Swanton is blacktopping the turn around on Pond Rd and would like us to pay half. Take it out of the paving budget.
5. Jim Smith is still working on the culvert on North Rd. Lots of different fish species and so the culvert will need to include passbys for the fish.
6. Mowing is continuing.
7. Great progress on the salt shed.
8. Discussion re the mural and possible grants. MM to look for suggestions on who might be able to do the project. There is a Vermont Arts Council Grant that would pay for it. Lots of local interest.
9. Amanda reports that the homestead tax rate has been set. It has risen from \$1.45 to \$1.55. Non-homestead tax rate has risen from \$1.62 to \$1.72.
10. Pike advised Amanda that the paving bill is \$4K higher than agreed upon. Pay the bill less the \$4K and ask them to explain the increase. Their bid was chosen based on the price quoted.
11. Personnel policy signed.
12. Hungerford wanting to add \$7.7K for changes to the paving plan at the salt shed. Get it done.
13. McDermotts needs it's truck yard chloride. Is the Town willing? \$100/hr. plus \$1.10/gallon. Yes.
14. P&Z Bylaw revision reviewed. So far just looking at the organization. Only issue to be approved here is the municipal ticketing for violations. Limit of \$800 per violation annually. Board is good with it.

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15. Issue with Pond having blue-green algae blooms. An unknown person removed the advisory notices posted by the Health Officer. MM to repost as needed.
16. Gene made a motion to approve the minutes. Charlie seconded. All in favor.
17. Gene made a motion to approve the warrants. Charlie seconded. All in favor.
18. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Charlie seconded. All in favor.

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