

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

March 11, 2019

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

Road Foreman: Maurice Jettie

Visitors: James Monette

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Tom made a motion to approve the minutes. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
2. Charlie spoke to Charlebois. They upped their trade in offer to \$30K on the 2011 truck. It's a better truck "plow truck vs. a dump truck". More truck talk.
3. Gavin made a motion to buy the Freightliner with 84 mos. warranty \$198K with a \$30K trade in. Charlie seconded. All in favor.
4. Tom signed the Northwest Regional Planning annual fee contract.
5. Tom signed overweight permits
6. Certificate received and signed certifying the Town Forest as organic.
7. Chesters needs to install pest control. We will help with the electrician.
8. Discussion regarding opening roads to ATVs. They told Charlie that they will be on our roads, whether we like it or not. Overwhelming lack of support from the townspeople in attendance at the public forum we had to discuss. MM to send them a letter to tell them we decline to open the roads to ATVs.
9. Charlie made a motion to reorganize the board as previously. Gavin amended to include Charlie as Co-Clerk. Amended motion seconded by Gavin. All in favor. Remains Tom-Chair, Gavin-Vice Chair, Gene/Charlie-Clerk
10. Gary Dukas wants \$1550 in compensation for a construction easement allowing the sidewalk to be built in front of his property. Charlie made a motion to approve. Norm seconded. Charlie and Norm in favor. Gavin opposed. Tom abstains. Motion carries.
11. Discussion on the engineering of the sidewalk. \$11K increase in engineering in contention. SB directs Amanda to tell them if they can't do it for \$6K, then they need to appear before SB to justify the expense. SB authorizes Amanda to look for more grant money to pay for the increases.
12. MM to do a plaque in appreciation of Dan McCoy for 18 years of service to the Town.
13. Review of the results of the Political Science class from UVM who attended Town Meeting.
14. Charlie made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss an employee issue. Gavin seconded. All in favor. Discussion only. No decisions made.
15. Discussion re changing meeting time to 7pm. Approved.
16. TAC asked us if we have a bridge to add to the Town Highway Prioritization list. Yes! Chester Arthur has been on this list for years!
17. Gavin made a motion to approve the warrants and to adjourn. Charlie seconded. All in favor.

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