

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

December 14, 2020

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault, Charlie Thomas and David Persons

Road Foreman: Moe Jettie

Visitors: Sarah Flack, Dan Gaffney,
Roger Lindala, Sarah West, Russ
Clark

Town Administrator: Jonathan DeLaBruere
Town Clerk: Linda Hodet

Secretary:

1. Sarah Flack from the Community Center discussed upcoming building repairs that are going to be significant in cost. Provided an initial estimate ranging from \$30,000 - \$36,000. Asked if the town can contribute to the repairs since the town owns the building. Charlie discussed the town obtaining an additional estimate separate from the CC. Add to next meeting agenda.
2. Russ Clark from Clark's Truck Center in Jericho, VT provided three options for purchasing a new tandem truck for the Highway Department. Russ offered the town \$30,000 toward the new purchase with the trade in.
 - a. Option 1: \$188,657 (Ready January 2021)
 - b. Option 2: \$179,927 (Ready August 2021)
 - c. Option 3: \$199,550 (Ready June 2021)
3. Motion to approve the November 23, 2020 Selectboard meeting minutes made by David, second by Gene, all in favor.
4. Discussion continued regarding maintenance of the newly installed sidewalks in Fairfield Center and how the town should proceed with winter maintenance. The options include either purchasing a piece of equipment or contracting out the service. Motion to approve purchasing a piece of equipment from Champlain Valley Equipment with attachments not to exceed \$30,000 made by Gene, second by Charlie, all in favor.
5. Due to COVID-19 and the uncertainty for town meeting day in March 2021, the Selectboard discussed the different options for how to continue town business without gathering everyone in one location. Motion to have the town of Fairfield move to Australian Ballot for Town Meeting Day 2021 made by Tom, second by Gene, all in favor.
6. Motion to approve both the AP and PR warrants made by Gavin, second by Tom, all in favor.
7. Motion to adjourn for lunch at 11:58 AM made by Gavin, second by David, all in favor.
8. After lunch, the Selectboard went over the entire budget by line item and will continue the discussion at the next Selectboard Regular Meeting on Monday, December 28, 2020. No decisions were made about the budget during this time as this was solely a working group and was not part of the meeting.

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