

## **Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes**

September 14, 2020

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

Road Foreman: Moe Jettie

Visitors: Torrey Crossman, Julie

Wolcott

Town Administrator: Jonathan DeLaBruere

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Torrey Crossman came to introduce himself and talk about the Historical Society. He's eager to get it moving. He looked at the Common School and feels we can make it ADA compliant for less than the engineering study suggests. Discussed grants and needed repairs.
2. Julie Wolcott came to discuss the Community Center. Julie is the new board president. Issue with hornets under the siding. Asked for suggestions. Tom and Gavin recommended Pest Pro out of Grand Isle. Almond Blossoms Daycare has a 3-month lease for a daycare, which will be opening at the end of the month. They will be running the MRUSD pre-school programs. Food shelf is still operating on Tuesdays and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month. Community meals have resumed with soup and sandwich Thursdays. Playground improvements planned. Bridget and Valdemar Garibay are interested in doing the update. 9" of cedar chips recently laid. New equipment to be installed in 6 weeks. Run for Chet is October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Scheduled to start the heating project right after hearing about the grant on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Should take 2 weeks.
3. Jonathan said CAT no longer services generators. Recommended Reliant. JD left them a message.
4. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes. Dave seconded. All in favor.
5. Jonathan is waiting for a quote on gutter cleaning.
6. Moe received concern from Parottes on Pond Rd re dead trees. Dave to have a look. Message from resident on Pion Rd re the condition of the pavement. Waiting on a grant to replace the big culvert, then we'll get it on the paving plan. Paving issue on Pond Rd. Pike is over estimate by \$17K. Estimate was based on .5-inch shim, which has proven to be inadequate. Needs .75 inch. Tom made a motion to find the \$17K and do the whole job. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
7. Issue with Chet Arthur light. Lafayette will come in October. If we can't fix it with remote assistance then it should be shut off and covered until fixed.
8. Paradee Bridge is on the accelerated list.
9. Age Well asked if we are making any adjustments to the process for getting on the warning for a donation. No change.
10. Property in EF has an undischarged mortgage. Go ahead with the transfer as recommended by the town attorney with title insurance
11. Errors and Omissions from the Listers did not include a Veterans Exemption. Tom made a motion to approve as requested. Dave seconded. All in favor.
12. Congratulatory notes from the Mitchells to the Road Crew. Thanks Moe!
13. Julie Wolcott wants to know if we will dedicate the sidewalks to Kathleen Howrigan?
14. No grant yet for a sidewalk plow.

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

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15. Vacation/holiday comparison to several surrounding towns. Need more information to move forward.
16. Reappraisal bids reviewed. Would like more information and reviews from other towns.
17. Grant received CARES Act for \$16,845 to continue to digitize land records. This will take us back to November of 1980.
18. Another grant CARES Act covered all the Covid related stuff we had to buy.
19. VTRANS will fund the North Rd culvert. Change to a bridge. Estimated at \$500,000. Covered at 80% by VTRANS. Will be a 3-4 year program. Start the process!
20. Gene made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Gavin seconded. All in favor. Upon exit, Jonathan to cover the ZA temporary leave and keep a time card to track additional hours.
21. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Dave seconded. All in favor