

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

August 10, 2020

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan and David Persons

Road Foreman:

Visitors: Sue Magnan

Town Administrator: Jonathan DeLaBruere

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Called to order at 7:22pm
2. Last meeting there was discussion re vacation time for employees and personnel policies. Jonathan supplied personnel policies from Highgate and St. Albans Town for comparison. He will do a comparison chart for next meeting.
3. South Road closure is on schedule
4. Sidewalks should be complete in 2 weeks and are on budget
5. NRPC is planning a CUD. Usually only done at Town Meeting but they are able to do so because of C-19. They needed two towns, and have 4 with 3 more considering. No cost to Towns. They may want to utilize storage space. Looking at installing fiber optic cable/broadband high speed Internet. Jonathan received 3 letters of support in joining. Sue Magnan asked if there were any drawbacks? None, no cost only benefit. Gavin made a motion to support our joining. Tom seconded. All in favor. Appoint Jonathan as a member of the board and we are looking for two interested townspeople to be alternates. Contract signed.
6. Need to set the tax rate. Education tax is:

Non homestead	\$1.8162	2019 \$1.7463	2018 \$1.7200
Homestead	\$1.6290	2019 \$1.5662	2018 \$1.5577

Town budget is \$1,205,640 plus local agreement rate \$6,587.74 which takes Veteran discounts
Town tax \$0.6675 2019 \$0.6562 2018 \$0.6480
Gavin made a motion to approve. Dave seconded. All in favor. Tax bills out by end of August.
7. Juair Rd bridge – Jim Cota is concerned that the temporary bridge may not last until July 2021. State does rent bridges. \$200K for 5 months, covered at 87% by the FEMA grant. Talk to Moe and go look. Permanent replacement is 45' span bridge. Covered by FEMA Nov 1 emergency. Hydraulic study requested in March but there is a 8 month wait. May just wait and see it it will last. Need to look.
8. Rec Committee members Charlie – Chair 2 (2yr remaining), Damian – Vice Chair 3 (3year remaining), Rebecca – Clerk 3(2 yrs remaining), John Baxter and John Dasaro resigned. Chad Lacroix and Michelle Desrosiers are interested. 3 yr (1 yr remaining) Gavin made a motion to approve. Dave seconded. All in favor.
9. Over weight permits signed
10. P&Z Board appointed. Harry 3 yr. (1remaining) Melissa 3 yr (2 remaining), Demetrius 3 yr (3 remaining), Aaron 2 yr (1 remaining) Peter 2 yr (2 remaining)
11. Kinlee Rd is the correct name for the Guyette subdivision on St. Pierre Rd. Ok.
12. SB approves the amendment proposed to the bylaws that change the definition of frontage to include the possibility of deeded minimum frontage from a contiguous property. Also added as a foot note on table 4.1
13. August 31 7pm is Public Presentation of the Plan update

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14. Need speed signs for North Road and Church Rd by the cemetery
15. Chester Arthur light not functioning again.
16. Gavin made a motion to approve the warrants. Dave seconded. All in favor
17. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Dave seconded. All in favor

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