

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

January 27, 2020

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault and Norm Menard

Road Foreman: Maurice Jettie

Visitors: Brian Dubie, Penny Dubie,
Sarah Toof, Kelly Sargent, Linda
Hodet

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Brian and Penny Dubie came to discuss the town plan and zoning. Would like us to look at the lot size at Fairfield Pond. They have gone from 1/3 acre to 2-acre minimum. They would like us to look at a 1-acre lot size. Heavily regulated by the State now.
2. Sarah Toof and Kelly Sargent came to ask if some of the poles could be removed by the school. They have contacted the Rec Committee.
3. Maurice Jettie says the new truck should be here on Monday. We are using lots of sand. weather has been good for use of ice. Maurice needs to call Wrights to see if they have more sand on hand for us to restock.
4. Gavin made a motion to appoint Linda Hodet as Interim Town Clerk for the period February 1- Town Meeting. Gene seconded. All in favor.
5. Tom made a motion to give Linda Hodet the authority to collect delinquent taxes using whatever means necessary including hiring Tim Hawkins for the purpose of Tax Sale of Delinquent properties. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
6. Dustin Tanner has been inactive on regional planning. They have asked us to remove him so they can give someone else a chance to serve. SB agrees.
7. Green Mountain Power would like permission to bury 200 feet of line underground in the Town right-of-way. Ok as long as it doesn't interfere with ditching and is returned to previous condition. Maurice to check on it when done.
8. Sheriff Langevin sent a proposed contract sharing with Bakersfield, Sheldon and potentially Fletcher. Cost to Fairfield for 8 hours/week would be \$20,800/year. Not included in our budget. Revisit next year prior to budgeting. Bring up at Town Meeting to see if people want to spend the money.
9. St. Albans PD Dispatch contract is \$23K, which is up from \$18.4K the year previous. 25% increase. Ask the Chief to come explain.
10. Move to approve the 2019 Warning by Gene. Second by Norm. No difference from last year with the exception of including a resolution to finish the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. Signed.
11. There has been an official disaster declaration by FEMA of the weather event on October 31, 2019. Amanda will attend the meeting to get us signed up for reimbursement in the neighborhood of \$40K. Both North Road and Juair Road culverts are part of the damage.
12. Thank you card signed for Jim Smith. Randy Reed has agreed to help us with engineering from now on.
13. Fairfield Market liquor license approved and signed.

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14. Kelly Viens asking if we are joining the St. Albans Rec again this year. Charlie to follow up.
15. Certificate of Highway Mileage signed.
16. State law gives the town the right to construct sidewalks and towns can create an ordinance to have abutting landowners responsible for snow and ice removal. The Town remains ultimately responsible for maintaining sidewalks to ADA standards.
17. Bids are going out for sidewalks. Sidewalk Construction Manager budget was \$55K. Proposal from Hamlin Consulting Engineers came in at \$62K. Not something we can refuse to do as it's part of the project. Ok to proceed – Norm, Tom and Gene. Opposed – Gavin
18. Contract for Town Plan redo with Regional Planning signed by Tom
19. Adam Brush says he's going to do the doors at Chesters when the weather turns.
20. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/30/19. Norm seconded. All in favor. Norm notes that he looked at Ohliger's property and he has work to do to restore the road to open.
21. MM to do letter to Ohliger advising that work must be completed in spring 2020.
22. Town Report letter approved as is.
23. Overweight permits signed.
24. Melissa Manson appointed as Town Health Officer
25. Remove Wanzer Bridge from special weight limits
26. Gene made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Gavin seconded. All in favor. No decisions. Discussion only.
27. Gavin made a motion to approve the warrants and adjourn. Gene seconded. All in favor.

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