

# Town of Fairfield Selectboard Minutes

April 27, 2026

In Attendance: Brian Dubie, Ron Bocash, Damian Branon, and David Persons

Roads: Maurice Jettie

Town Clerk: Demetrius Bolduc

Town Administrator: Absent

Secretary: Melissa Manson

Visitors: NWATV, WH Morey, Molly Mashtare, Michael (no last name)

## Meeting Called to order at 7:01pm

**David made a motion to amend the agenda to include two Executive Sessions – one for personnel and one for an Animal Control Legal Issue and to review the letter from Forest and Parks. Ron seconded. All in favor.**

1. Mr. Morey came to discuss the discrepancy he believes exists in his land records and the Town's parcel maps. After much discussion, Mr. Morey was told that his Deed is and remains his legal description of the property and only a survey can confirm or challenge its accuracy. Brian will confirm with the town's legal counsel regarding actions taken with the implementation of parcel maps.
2. Molly Mashtare gave an overview of what she's been doing in Zoning to include: improved access to applications (now on the website), deadline calendar on web for proper warning now that the Messenger is only publishing on Friday, maps now available with the agenda online, streamlined processes for obtaining certificates of compliance, clarification on driveway cuts and creating a policy/procedure for private road creation and naming.

**David made a motion to enter executive session with Molly to discuss a personnel issue. Ron seconded. All in favor.**

**David made a motion to exit executive session. Damian seconded. All in favor. No decisions.**

3. Maurice reported on roads. Side mower/tractor quote presented. It's a big investment. Need to review.
4. David reports that someone from Maple Run approached him in the pick-up line to say they are concerned that the town drove a guardrail through a 6" concrete manhole cover that is part of the school's septic. They want the town to replace the cover. Maple Run will need to communicate formerly on this matter.
5. State of Vermont Chief Engineer letter read regarding the proposed change in priority for Paradee and Chester Arthur bridges. Paradee is planned for 2028. If we change the priority, Chester Arthur won't happen until 2033. It will continue to be inspected and could be addressed if an emergent situation arises. David will call the State and confer.
6. Demetrius asks to change the banking procedure to allow for Town Clerk access to online banking system to facilitate incorporating remote deposit capture capabilities. The bank will supply the hardware required to scan checks at no charge.

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

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**Ron made a motion to allow Demetrius to work with People's Trust to gain access to online banking services to facilitate remote deposit capture via online banking. David seconded. All in favor.**

7. Demetrius says Northwest Solid Waste is reminding us that we still have a vacant seat on the board. MM will ask on the town Facebook page.
8. Overweight permits signed.

**Ron made a motion to approve the minutes. Damian seconded. All in favor.**

9. Town Administrator Report shared. No actionable items.
10. "Michael", who had logged in by Zoom, did not respond to verbal or chat message asking him to identify himself by first and last name. He was removed from the meeting.
11. Act 181 update given by Brian. Road Rule and Tier 3 are being repealed. Concerns, remain with language regarding Act 59 and the likelihood of a tax incentive program transitioning to a State mandated conservation program without due notice to or input from impacted landowners. Additional concern that changes to the rules will have a negative effect on land in current use if the landowners are working with a forester. Suggested letter addressing these concerns presented. Brian would like to send the letter. David would like more information.

**Brian made a motion to send the proposed letter. Ron seconded. Brian, Ron, Damian in favor. David abstains. Motion carries**

**David made a motion to approve the warrants. Ron seconded. All in favor.**

**David made a motion to enter Executive Session for a legal discussion regarding an Animal Control issue with the Health Officer and Town Clerk present. Ron seconded. All in favor.**

**David made a motion to exit Executive Session. Ron seconded. All in favor. Discussion only.**

**Ron made a motion to adjourn. David seconded. All in favor.**