

Town of Fairfield Selectboard Minutes

April 13, 2026

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

Roads: Maurice Jettie

Interim Town Clerk: Linda Hodet

Town Clerk: Demetrius Bolduc

Town Administrator: Cathy Ainsworth

Secretary: Melissa Manson

Visitors:

Meeting Called to order at 7:01pm

1. Moe says chloride will be \$1.28/gal this year compared to \$1.20/gal last year. All trucks are back. Still having issues with one truck with the back brakes not working on one side. Sent back to Hayes. Only has 16K miles on it. Crew has been working on roads with the grader.
2. Cathy reports that Bugbee Insulation has not been responsive to the garage to install insulation and the project was delayed. New quote received from Chris Panko from Enosburg \$16,600.

David made a motion to go ahead with Panko for the insulation project. Ron seconded. All in favor. Cathy will make cancellation call to Bugbee and inform Panko.

3. Cathy received two estimates for legal services to do easements needed for McKenzie Rd. culvert project. Discuss in Executive Session.
4. Cathy submitted a paving grant and a grant for a North Rd. culvert replacement.
5. Selectboard reviewed the draft paving bid document. Revised ready to be posted before Cathy's vacation. Bids to be opened May 11. The length of Chester A. Arthur to be paved will be determined as soon as we are advised on the paving grant- est. by the end of May.
6. Two requests for road closure of School St. One June 20 for the Detoor Bike Race and one August 28 for a Community Center Block Party. Community block party pending grant. Ok.
7. Whites Camp Road Assoc. requests again that the Town contribute to road maintenance since we now own a piece of property on that road. Selectboard weighed the request with the Towns limited use of the road, compared to other property owners. Ok to "tailgate" one load of crushed asphalt and grade.
8. Linda asks if there are questions remaining about Mr. Morey's property. David will follow up.
9. Brian welcomes Demetrius Bolduc, new Town Clerk and thanks Linda Hodet for her years of great service.

David made a motion to enter executive session for a personnel matter. Ron seconded.

David made a motion to exit executive session. Ron seconded. Executive session was discussion re: Town Clerk negotiation.

Ron made a motion to appoint Demetrius Bolduc as Fairfield Town Clerk, as authorized pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Chapter 2651e. Damian seconded. All in favor.

10. Demetrius is sworn in as Town Clerk. Witnessed and signed by the SB and notarized by Cathy.
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11. “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.
12. Cathy reports that Matt Bouchard has been decommissioning the Town Offices server and reorganizing the computer system
13. Cathy completed all quarter end requirements and reports for the DOL, Taxes, etc.
14. Cathy presented the final draft of the personnel policy, as amended at the previous Selectboard meeting. No further revisions were suggested.
15. **Ron made a motion to approve the amendments to the Personnel Policy, dated 04/13/26. Damian seconded. All in favor.**

Ron made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/23/26 and 3/26/26. Damian seconded. All in favor.
16. Hazard Mitigation Plan work continues.
17. Selectboard asked for follow up on the letter Cathy sent to the Secretary of Transportation, on behalf of the Selectboard, last month, requesting that they prioritize Chester Arthur Rd bridge in the state’s capital plan. Cathy to check the state’s capital budget to see if Chester Arthur Bridge has been included/ prioritized.

David made a motion to enter Executive Session for a legal discussion. Ron seconded. All in favor.

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

David made a motion to hire Bauer Gravel Farnham, LLP for legal services on the easements for McKenzie Rd. Ron seconded. All in favor.
18. David asked about the AP warrant. Dumpster is expensive. Why don’t we just have a trash can? Might be too much recycling. Cathy will find out if we have the smallest dumpster/ can for recycling. Cathy to follow up. David also questions the small Microsoft charges. Cathy explained that it was partial service since Matt has changed our system.

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

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

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