

**Town of Fairfield**  
**Select Board Minutes**  
**January 9, 2012**

In Attendance: Gavin Ryan, Greg Christie, and Norm Menard  
Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes    Secretary: Absent  
Visitors: Jim Paradee

1. Gavin called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.
2. Jim Paradee came to discuss the 80-comp time issue. Being able to carry comp time through the winter to use during sugaring was one of the draws for Jim to take this job. He would rather not take it as overtime. Currently carrying 110 hours. Norm made a motion to increase the allowable hours of comp time to 110 hours. This is a grandfathered issue only available to Rodney Judd, Shawn Machia and Jim Paradee. Other employees will continue to have overtime paid out on each payroll. Greg seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. Continue to have truck issues – new truck is in the shop! Good thing we haven't had any snow. Jim's recommendation is to get rid of the single axle trucks and just keep the tandems.
4. We could really use a MIG welder. All to keep an eye open.
5. The letter to VT land trust, showing support for the conservation of the Ryan/Webb farm never arrived. MM to redo
6. Need to do a letter to Angela Smith regarding trespassing on Town property and advising that the Town will not be liable if her children are hurt while playing on the roof or around any structures.
7. We need a box container for a storage shed to keep oil and tires out of the garage. Greg will search for one.
8. MM to call and find cost of recycled oil
9. Generator for town garage needs work. MM to call Jack Dufresne to work on it.
10. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/30/11. Norm seconded. All in favor.
11. As of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, we have \$72,581 in delinquent taxes compared to \$116,393 a year ago. This is attributed to the change in policy requiring taxpayers to make a payment plan and or payment within 30 days of delinquency in order to avoid tax sale. As of Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, delinquent taxes are \$61K. One of the lowest levels ever!
12. Fire department driveway at the proposed site needs widening. Jim Smith will address.
13. Greg made a motion to approve the request for a liquor license at Branon's Sugarhouse on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Norm seconded the motion. All in favor.
14. 2012 certificate of highway mileage signed. No change.
15. 2012 boundary/annexation survey approved. No change.
16. 2012 bridge weight limits signed. No change.
17. MM to call CVPS/Efficiency Vermont about time delay in the garage and changing streetlights.

18. Jim Smith asked MM what projects the SB wants to consider for grants next year. Tell him Wanzer Bridge and pave the rest of Pond Road unless Rodney says something else is more important.
19. Bill Hanon needs a friendly reminder that we appreciate his work on Ancient Roads. Lets get him to keep going.
20. Discussion regarding the location of the Community Center. Is it's location critical to it's success? Would it make more sense to put it in the Common School?
21. Should look at grants that may be used to buy the fire station building if the new building happens.
22. The slaughterhouse grant was resubmitted.
23. Aldrich and Elliot will be here on Jan 23 at 6:30 for septic meeting.
24. Norm made a motion to approve the warrants. Greg seconded. All in favor.
25. Greg made a motion to adjourn. Norm seconded. All in favor.

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

**AMENDMENTS:**