

**Town of Fairfield  
Select Board Minutes  
December 13, 2010**

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gene Archambault, Greg Christie and Norm Menard  
Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes Secretary: Melissa Manson  
Visitors: Genette Carr, Rodney Judd, Steven Sweeney, Dan Branon, and Todd Merchant

Tom opened the meeting at 7:35pm

1. Genette Carr came to discuss changes to the current health care plan for the Town. Federal health care reform has little effect in Vermont with the exception of 26 year olds remaining on their parents' policy. Our current plan is increasing around 8% from \$22.9K to \$24.6K per year. There is a Wellness Drug Rider available for very little cost. Including this, the increase is 8.2%. Gene made a motion to keep the same plan and to add the Wellness Drug rider. Greg seconded the motion. All in favor.
2. Accidental Death and Dismemberment is available for \$32/emp/year for \$100K in coverage. Total cost to the town would be minimal. Greg made a motion to adopt this policy. Norm seconded. All in favor.
3. Genette provided information on life insurance. Declined.
4. Rodney recapped ongoing work on the trucks. Some issues with the sand in East Fairfield being full of stones. Problem with the grizzly – it's not working with this sand. The grizzly at the shop is broken. Could do a swap. Sand that we got from Chris is wet and gets stuck in the chute.
5. Discussion re advance notice to land owners when tree cutting is happening on the Town ROW near their property. Need to do this. Melissa will assist as needed.
6. Dan Branon is looking to conserve some land on Ridge Road but 50 Acres is lease land. Dan is willing to pay the attorney fees to have this issue fixed. Town will quit claim or whatever is recommended. Amanda to arrange with Hawkins at Branon's expense.
7. Todd Merchant came to get advice on how to move forward on getting a group of pesticides banned in Vermont. This class of pesticides – neonicotinoids (specifically clothianidin) is toxic to honeybees. It was conditionally approved in 2006 by the EPA although it has been banned in several countries in Europe. Amanda will check with VLCT to see what the process is to get an ordinance brought before the board or voters for approval.
8. Amanda read a request from the listers to delete a parcel that was subdivided; Greg made a motion to delete the parcel on Mitchell Road. Gene seconded. All in favor.
9. Review of budget for FY2011 showing a .49% increase.
10. Discussion re MUTCD (new road sign legislation). We need to have a plan in place by 2012 to change all signs to the new regs. We will change all stop and yield signs in 2011 and MM to do an inventory using 911 by the deadline.
11. Letter from Piazza re Dodd/Mitchell Road intersection and some destructive behavior. We cannot place a boulder in the intersection. Piazza's should

- continue to report to the State Police when illegal activity is occurring. MM to do a letter.
12. Ratification of motion to impose a speed limit of 25mph on Kane Rd. Motion made by Gene and seconded by Norm. All in favor. Posting to begin this week and will become part of the ordinance in 60 days, barring appeal.
  13. Jason Besette wants to close the trail from Egypt to Mitchell roads because he wants to install pipeline all through. Request declined.
  14. Gene made a motion to approve the warrants and adjourn. Norm seconded. All in favor.

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

**AMENDMENTS:**