

**Town of Fairfield
Select Board Minutes
January 25, 2010**

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gene Archambault, Norm Menard, Gavin Ryan and Greg Christie
Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes Secretary: Melissa Manson
Visitors: Joann Long, Gail Williams, Rusty Posner (Humane Society), Denise Smith

Gavin opened the meeting at 7:35pm

1. Joann Long, Gail Williams and Rusty Posner came to discuss an issue with feral cats in East Fairfield. They are on the increase and with them, the coy dog population. Joann would like the Town to make a plan to get this situation under control – suggests a catch/spay/release program. Humane Society won't take feral cats if they can't be adopted. Will catch/spay/return if the Town pays. Currently Town has no contract for cats. Financial burden for HS. Gavin made a motion to dedicate \$500 to this project. Greg seconded the motion. Gene opposed. Norm, Gavin, Greg in favor. Motion passes.
2. Rusty suggests that a portion of license fees goes to this project.
3. Denise Smith – Grant Writer. Wants support for a grant for a generator at the school – the town designated emergency shelter. Estimate came in at \$56,600. Denise wants the town to come up with a portion of the cost share and \$8.7K of in-kind services. School has allocated \$10K. Gene made a motion to fund a cost share up to \$10K and to provide the in-kind services in the amount of \$8.7K. Greg seconded. All in favor.
4. Discussion regarding other grant opportunities and needs.
5. Tom signed the Humane Society contract.
6. Gene made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg seconded: Review followed.
7. Peoples Trust contract to be signed.
8. KBS did send an itemized bill.
9. Deb Markowitz didn't apologize but did remove mention of Fairfield from her website and said she did not intend to say that the town had bad working relationships among the elected representatives.
10. Rita Winnegar sent a thank you for the Town paying utilities for the lighted tree at Christmas.
11. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg seconded. No more discussion. Approved by voice vote.
12. Amanda presented the articles to be warned on Town Meeting. Tom made a motion to approve the warning. Norm seconded. All in favor.
13. Greg made a motion to approve Nancy Shaw for appointment to the Grant committee. Greg seconded. Passed by voice vote.
14. Amanda is going to contact Peoples Trust on the paperwork they sent regarding the refinancing of the town garage to clear up the payment amount.
15. We got some information on the new town trucks. Clarks brought up a truck for the town road crew to try out. Norm also tried the truck with them.
16. Amanda reviewed the financial statements from AM Peisch.
17. Some adjustments to the SB report for town report.