

Town of Fairfield Select Board
Minutes
January 12, 2009

Present for Quorum: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault and Norman Menard. Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Visitors: Lisa Birmingham (Comcast), Lynn Dickinson, Dick Dickinson

Tom Howrigan called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

1. Lisa Birmingham, Director of Government Relations, Comcast came to discuss the possible upgrade and expansion of Comcast lines in the area. Cost to extend a line is \$23-25K per mile. Comcast needs 12 customers per mile to extend these lines at no cost to the consumer. Courtesy services for municipal entities include free cable and internet for schools and one municipal site. This service also includes Peg Access (local cable)
2. Lisa talked about the conversion to digital television effective Feb. 17/09. Anyone who has a tv older than 2004 will need cable, a converter or a digital television to prevent their tv from going black on Feb. 18/09
3. Lynn Dickinson spoke about her appointment to Commerce and Economic Development Committee. She reviewed proposed and possible budget cuts and anticipated shortfalls in this fiscal year. Gavin asked about the rumored 15% cut in the final transportation payment that was postponed. Lynn will check to see if this is true.
4. Lynn spoke about Fairpoint's plan to expand coverage of broadband and then wireless.
5. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes of Dec, 22, 2008. Gene seconded the motion. Scott Futrell was given a bill for \$421.08 for heating oil for the old town office. No further word from Angela Smith. Minutes approved as written.
6. Budget meeting set for Friday at 1pm.
7. Gavin made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue and a legal matter. Gene seconded the motion. All in favor. Gavin made a motion to exit executive session. Gene seconded the motion. All in favor. Information only on both issues. No decisions made.
8. Mediation date has been set for the 26th of Jan. with Jesse Bugbee as mediator to discuss the Pond Rd subdivision of Durfee's property. Amanda to attempt to change the date.
9. Ross Peebles requested permission to install a dead end sign at the beginning of Gerbode Rd. at his expense. The Town will install and send Mr. Peebles the bill.
10. Ancient Roads meeting rescheduled for Jan. 21 at 5pm.
11. Letter from Rita Winegar thanking the SB for paying for electricity for the tree in the village. Many positive comments.
12. Review of bridge weight limits and Certificate of Highway Mileage. No change in mileage. Elm Brook bridge weight restriction removed.
13. Tom described the meeting with Rob Hall regarding the proposed change in access for the Burnor senior housing project that has been proposed on Gilbert

- Hill. The State will not approve a new curb cut. Early advice suggests that the Ohliger site is not an option. The State prefers that the Town cut the hill slightly in front of the salt/sand piles to improve visibility toward the village center.
14. MM gave further P&Z update regarding Jim Cameron and the Lynn's Market development. Jim intend to reduce the size of the space reserved for retail space and add 3 more housing units. They have adequate septic and parking for this increase. The Zoning Board has no issue with this change.
 15. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Gene seconded the motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Manson, Secretary
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AMENDMENTS: