

**Town of Fairfield
Select Board Minutes
April 11, 2011**

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault, Norm Menard, Greg Christie Visitors: Rodney Judd, Bill Roberts

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes Secretary: Melissa Manson

Tom opened the meeting at 7:30pm

1. Rodney came to discuss road issues.
 - Sam and Ryan Howrigan are doing some blasting and want to know if we want the stone. Rod should find out how much they want, how accessible it will be, how big it is, will it be separated? Then we'll decide.
 - Receiving lots of calls about soft roads
 - 3 culverts need replacing – Pumpkin Village, Sweet Hollow and Lapland
 - Gavin says the one near Covi needs replacing too
 - Dora Paradee called Rod concerned about weight on the bridge on Paradee Road. Should not be an issue as milk truck travels there
 - Discussion re what is being put on the roads
2. Excavator bids opened – Reed \$77/hr. Gaudette \$80/hr. Havreluk \$75/hr + fuel or \$95/hr. Magnan \$80/hr. fuel surcharge if diesel exceeds \$5/gal. Much discussion followed. Norm made a motion to split between Magnan and Havreluk. Greg seconded. Discussion followed and motion withdrawn. Norm made a motion to split between Magnan and Gaudette. Gene seconded. Norm and Gene in favor. Greg, Gavin opposed. Tom broke the tie in opposition. Greg made a motion to award all work to Magnan. Gavin seconded the motion. Gene and Norm opposed. Greg and Gavin in favor. Tom broke the tie in favor. Motion carries.
3. More discussion with Rodney about what to use on the roads and a reminder to stay on budget.
4. Overweight permits signed.
5. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes of 3-28-11. Norm seconded. All in favor.
6. Shawn's truck has been inspected and the chute repaired. The manufacturer of the chute says the drive shaft was paint only and does not need to be replaced.
7. Amanda reports that the Ryan Road grant has approval to move forward.
8. Jim Smith did a paving grant for Pond Road – quote is for \$194K, grant is \$160K
9. Jim requested an extension on a grant for the Ryan Road bridge as it is under water.
10. Issues remain with Dukas' dog on Pond Road. More complaints received from Rick Haag. Greg is going to call her and try to find a solution short of removing the dog.
11. Review of the proposals for the Sewer Feasibility Study. 3 finalists will be interviewed on April 18 from 3pm to 6pm. Stone Environmental, Aldrich and Elliot and Dubois & King. Interviews will be at the library.
12. Sidewalk study feasibility proposals will be reviewed on April 13 at the town office – 4pm

13. We will soon need to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Tom made a motion to do this at the lowest rate possible. Greg seconded. All in favor.
14. United Church of Bakersfield wants to sell the East Fairfield Congregational Church. MM to call to find out how much.
15. Plow and Sand numbers received. MM to do bill. Backhoe at \$100 per time rather than per hour.
16. Bill Roberts came to respond to the letter sent to him about locking the gate on the town trail near his property. The gate had locks on it, but the bolt undoes in the middle. He is trying to discourage hunters. ANR has money to redo the culverts on the town trail. Does he have permission to improve the road if someone else is willing to pay for it? Yes, with the stipulation that no development is planned, as this is an upgrade to the town trail only.
17. Amanda is working with Bill Hannon on Ancient Roads. She is working nights and weekends. We should compensate her in the same way that we do Bill. Greg made a motion that we should pay Amanda \$20/hr and give Bill another \$500 to continue work on the project. Norm seconded the motion. All in favor. Money will come out of SB contract services fund.
18. Gavin made a motion to approve warrants and adjourn. Gene seconded. All in favor.

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

AMENDMENTS: