

**Town of Fairfield  
Select Board Minutes  
March 28, 2011**

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault, Norm Menard, Greg Christie  
Visitors: Don Robisky, Denise Smith, Rick Haag, Charles Foley  
Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes     Secretary: Melissa Manson  
Gavin opened the meeting at 7:30pm

1. Charles Foley and Rick Haag came to ask for help in dealing with a dog problem in their neighborhood. Both of them have spoken to Karen Dukas on several occasions. They have reported the problem to the State Police and the Humane Society. The dog owner apologizes but the behavior has not changed. The dog is allowed to run loose and tears up the garbage and defecates on neighbor's lawns. When it is tied up, the dog barks incessantly. SB to send letter asking for improvement prior to resorting to further action.
2. Don Robisky and Denise Smith came to discuss the expansion of the wastewater study to include Fairfield Pond. Don spoke of other towns in similar situations and reviewed the need for having the residents "buy-in" to this process. It will be important to have a Pond Association member on the committee. It was decided to keep the study "a general overview" without pinpointing specific properties or landowners in the hope that people may be less reluctant to participate.
3. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14. Norm seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Approved as written.
4. Why are the roads not posted? Need to discuss with Rodney.
5. Gavin made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss some employee issues. Gene seconded. All in favor. Gavin made a motion to exit Executive Session. Gene seconded. All in favor. The following issues were addressed:
  - TOF will deposit \$500 in Gary Judd's HAS in month one and then \$250 per month thereafter
  - Steve Cushing's remuneration will change to \$50/month plus mileage
  - TOF will not assist in the purchase of a laptop for the grant writer
  - There will be no changes to the bond amounts on the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk or Select Board
  - All vendors must submit proof of insurance or be hired by the Town to do work.
6. MM to do a bid request for the 127 hours of excavation for the summer projects on Wanzer and Ryan Roads.
7. Annual Financial Plan for AOT signed.
8. Overweight permits signed
9. Paving grant – Pond Road from the town line to Sheldon Woods Road
10. Structures grant – Ryan Road
11. Elm Brook Bridge needs to have a posting sign at 24,000lbs.
12. Gene made a motion to adopt the new Town Road and Bridge Standards from AOT. Greg seconded the motion. All in favor.
13. Bakersfield Church wants to sell us the church on the green in East Fairfield. No thanks.

14. Bill Hannon has been working a lot on Ancient roads and is making progress.
15. Application received for Board Secretary. MM to send thanks letter.
16. Gene made a motion to offer the road crew a paid day to attend the VMHA Fair in Barre. Not a paid day off, they must attend the fair to be paid and the offer is off if it's snowing.
17. There is an issue with synthetic oil in the used oil burner... it doesn't burn unless it's heavily cut with diesel. Thanks to Jim for discovering this solution.
18. Shawn's truck drive shaft is ¼ worn through as a result of the sand chute wearing on it all winter. The shaft needs to be replaced and the sand chute modified. They need to take the truck to Vallancourts and have it fixed.
19. Discussion re rock fines and gravel on the roads. What works best?
20. Gene made a motion to approve warrants and adjourn. Greg seconded. All in favor.

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

**AMENDMENTS:**