

Town of Fairfield
Select Board Minutes
August 27, 2012

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault, Norm Menard and Greg Christie

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes Secretary: Absent

Visitors: Tim Corey, Jim Paradee, Chris Williams and Laura Stone VTRANS, Chris and Seth Hungerford, Pam Van Deursen

1. Jim Paradee updated on the progress of fire station. Electrician was there today, plumber tomorrow, Bugbee insulation coming in a few days. 30 or so volunteers first few days. Fire Dept very appreciative of their help. They reworked the design for the drain and moved the stairs. All coming along well. Up to \$230,000 so far with a few big expenses still outstanding.
2. Vermont Pond Hockey Classic. Fairfield will be a recognized entity after the tournament. They will sit with the rec committee to determine what they would give to them. We have okayed the tournament.
3. Pam V updated on VLCT insurance efforts. They now offer the same plan as we have now, with the same premiums. They would like us to buy through them. We would get member benefits. They have contracted with Health Advocate, which is a great service to employees. Many benefits and COBRA to help with displaced employees, manages handling of insurance coverage when no longer employed by town. Also offer VLCT health and wellness initiative. There is also a broker of record letter. Pam would be happy to come in and help with explanation of benefits to employees. BRS will not carry BCBS in 2013. VLCT has many other options of coverage. They take 2% broker fee to provide us with benefits. Also willing to quote on property and liability insurance.
4. Chris Williams, Laura Stone, VTRANS, came to discuss bridge 46 over Black Creek on Hwy. 47 aka Elm Brook. They have alternatives on repairs. ABC Accelerated bridge repair, 17 bridges on the list, much faster and less impact on the environment. Priority 23. Bridge is in bad shape according to the inspection. He went after 5 different options and costs range from \$260,000 to \$824,000. Send them a letter with what bridge we prefer, and stating agreement to close the road and allow a cost share of 5%.
5. Discussed road repair on Chester Arthur Rd.
6. Sand bids opened.
7. Minutes approved.
8. Question on #2. In the design Route 36 has to be cut down 3-4' wr we will not approve going further with sidewalk project.
9. Letter of thanks to Allens for the installation of the bridge on Stratton Road signed by Tom.
10. Rod and Gavin to go to geosynthetic mitigation meeting on Sept. 5th.
11. Better Back Roads for Pumpkin Village finalized \$17,422.52 – grant paid \$10K
12. Applied fir Ecosystems Restoration Grant for Brusso Road, cost is \$83,500 – our match is \$8,500

13. Liquor license signed for Magnan Dairy
14. CBS Sunday Morning coming to do a story on Chester Arthur and Fairfield
15. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg seconded. Amend to show that Tom Howrigan was in attendance. Approved as amended.
16. Gavin made a motion to approve the warrants and adjourn. Greg seconded. All in favor.

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

AMENDMENTS: