

## **Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes**

**November 25, 2013**

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault, and Norman Menard

Visitors: Maurice Jettie, Sam White and Rodney Judd

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Sam White came to discuss his property line. Bridge was made bigger. Sam gave permission to make the bridge larger. He feels the road is getting larger at his expense of land. Also, would like to get roadside mowed. Sam feels gravel is taking too much on his side. We'll take the sod/gravel off the road on the St. Rocks side of the road so not to keep taking from Sam.
2. Rodney Judd came to discuss the sand pile. It's up, but he would like to add 500 yards to the pile. There is a truck up at Briens that we're hoping to get back. Also need to find a fuel pump for the generator. Gavin made a motion to purchase 500 yards of sand. Norm seconded. All in favor. 2011 short shaft broke for sander. They got the part and fixed.
3. Gene made a motion to approve the minutes. Norm seconded. All in favor.
4. Discussed meeting with DOT and Regional Planning re lowering of 36 and the sidewalk grant. The grant will not lower Route 36. Approval to move forward with the grant. Tom Howrigan signed the project commitment form.
5. Tax map discussion. Should we use the lines established by Swanton and St. Albans to continue on the project, or should we pay for someone to search the lines for us? All in agreement to use the lines the other Towns have found as a starting point.
6. Inspection of the proposed parking area at the pond by Danielle Owczarski from the Dept. of Environmental Conservation was completed. She made some adjustments. Need to review with Army Corps of Engineers. Mike Adams, from the Corps, may not be able to meet in the evening. He should come to a budget meeting to review the map. Steps will be to meet, wait for approval, apply for permits.
7. Where is the money from the Pond Hockey Tournament last year?
8. Gavin made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal issue. Norm seconded. All in favor. Gavin made a motion to exit executive session. Norm seconded. All in favor. Information only. No decisions.
9. Gavin made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Norm seconded. All in favor. Gavin made a motion to exit executive session. Norm seconded. All in favor. Decision made to begin all full time road crew at the base pay of \$15.50/hr.
10. Human Services and Educational Facilities Grant awarded to the Community Center to make repairs. Grant is \$4,875, Community Center \$3500, Town share \$1,375.
11. Community Center would like the SB to add them as a line item in the Town budget so they don't have to secure a petition for support. SB declined as they prefer not to set such a precedent. MM to advise.
12. Wanzer Bridge needs to be posted at 20,000 and Paradee Bridge at 12,000 according to AOT. Any owner utilizing the bridge at greater than the posted weight will be responsible for damage.

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

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13. Michael Jarvis, the person who surveyed the pond lot, would like to get paid. Mylar will cost an additional \$400. Tom made a motion to approve. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
14. Discussion regarding the Town Meeting Warning and Articles to consider. First was the position of delinquent tax collector. This is an elected position and would require a charter to allow the SB to appoint. It is very time consuming to create a charter to fit the new system, which has shown excellent results. VLCT recommends asking the Town to pay a salary in lieu of fees and then the SB can set it at \$1/year to keep the Delinquent Tax Collector work in the Town office and all fees going to the Town as is done currently. Second, considering an article to use an optical scanner (ballot counter) during primary and general elections. Secretary of State pays for the machine and the Town will be responsible for reprogramming at a cost of approximately \$500 per election
15. Gene gave a review of the school building meeting.
16. MM to order posted signs for Wanzer and Paradee Bridges.
17. Tom made a motion to approve the warrants. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
18. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Norm seconded. All in favor.