

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

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gene Archambault, Norm Menard, Greg Christie
Visitors: Rusty Getty and 3 others from North Country ATV Assoc., Toby and Laura Fulwiler, Michael and Sonia Dodge, The Wilder Family, John Bugbee, Chris Paradee
Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes Secretary: Melissa Manson

Tom opened the meeting at 7:30pm

1. North Country ATV Association representatives came to hear what the townspeople have to say about opening roads in Fairfield to ATV traffic. They have trail patrol, membership of 300, responsible rider ship; want to do it right from the beginning. Michael Dodge concerned about wetlands – proposed route goes right through a designated wetland. Dodge and Wilder are concerned about noise. Laura Fulwiler presented a number of items in opposition including noise, wildlife habitat destruction, and that this is an individual landowner decision rather than a town one. Dodge concerned that the value of his property would decrease and asks that his taxes be lowered appropriately. Gene answered no; there is no more than anecdotal evidence that property value would decrease. John Bugbee says these are not the group of riders that cause problems and that they all have ATV's on Ridge Road. Dodge offers to buy the Class 4 road and vows to keep it open to hikers, horses and non-motorized vehicles. Not for sale. Rusty Getty thanks the residents for their input. His club membership is not the rowdy crowd. They do plenty of community service and patrol their trails for hundreds of hours every year. The machines are often quieter than cars. They came to find out what the residents think and they appreciate the time.
2. Chris Paradee from Duffy Hill Road has an issue with water movement created by the blasting the town did last year. Her driveway has flooded several times, the culvert is plugged, the sluice is plugged, and her lawn is flooded and covered in mud and debris. Her 12" culvert was replaced by the town a few years ago and is smaller than the original. It was big enough to handle the flow before the blasting, but now it isn't. Norm and Tom will go look and call her to say what the Town will do to solve the problem.
3. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes. Gene seconded. All in favor.
4. Dog problem on Pond Road has been resolved. Dog was left unattended in the garage for 4 days. Animal Control Officer picked up the dog and took it to the Humane Society.
5. The Sewer Committee recommends Aldrich and Elliot. Gene made a motion to approve this recommendation. Greg seconded the motion. All in favor.
6. The sidewalk study candidates will be interviewed on May 3rd at 3pm
7. We don't need a tax loan yet, but when we do it will be at 1.75%. Tax sale can happen after 6 months of non-payment. Letters of notification of tax sale to be sent to all those who have not made payment in 6 months.
8. Newsletter should include thanks to the road crew for a great winter's work, thanks to townspeople for putting up with mud season, notes of work to be done this summer and a notification of the cost of stolen signs.

9. The State may not do the bridge over the swamp this year. West Street is being resurfaced now. Hill Road to follow.
10. The Town has no objection to studded tires.
11. Greg 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: