

**Town of Fairfield  
Select Board Minutes  
March 26, 2012**

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

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes    Secretary: Melissa Manson  
Visitors: Michael Dugan, Berkeley McNall, Jim Paradee, Jeff Corey, Tim Corey, Shane Morris, Jessica Morris, Bruce Branon, and Tim Smith

1. Mike Dugan brought prints for the fire station that were done when the garage was built. The 16' wall needs to be supported. Engineers will do this. Some discussion re the drop from the building to the road – Do we need to lower the building so it's safe to exit onto the road? May need a set of steps between the garage and fire station. Mike will discuss the issue with Ruggiano and solve the issue. Need to find the finished floor elevation. Mike will do the State Building permit. Amanda prepared a check for the permit.
2. Tim Smith, Franklin County Industrial Development Corp. came to give an update on what's happening in the county. FCIDC is employing a person and creating a brochure to do some marketing over the border from Highgate. They are hoping the Fed will upgrade the Highgate border crossing to make it more efficient. Diversified Ag is grown with 100 farms now. They are creating a directory to distribute locally. Some issues with how Vermont is taxing businesses that provide services through cloud computing. Causing concern that these businesses will leave the state. Mylan is expanding – adding 150 jobs. FCIDC is pre-permitting a 50,000 square foot building in the Industrial Park. Vermont Gas is looking to switch some big oil users to compressed natural gas – looking at Kaytec and Franklin Foods. Would be a major savings for them. Franklin Foods is doing a small expansion. Energizer is going to a 4-day workweek for the next 11 weeks to meet lower demand. Peerless and the Co-op are expanding. Wal-Mart is still scheduled for a mid-2013 opening. Tim asked if the FCIDC could do a petition every 2 years for town support. No. Must be done annually.
3. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12/12. Greg seconded. All in favor.
4. Overweight permits signed.
5. Bill of Sale for '97 truck to Gervais was signed.
6. Greg hasn't found the pins for the lot across from the pond.
7. Jim Paradee spoke about several roads that are continuous problems in spring mud season. Why not dig them out and repair with fabric rather than continuing to dump material in? Issue with getting stuck in Charbonneau's pit. Material is not holding in the road. Jim would like to see them getting material from Tom's pit or from Swanton. Road repair would include fabric, tile and stone. There is an issue with sap trucks ruining the roads. It's time to sit down with the producers and make a plan rather than calling the DMV to enforce the overweight

- limits. Jim should go get a vibrator for the new truck's sand box. Jim to give MM a bill for sanding and plowing at the school.
8. Norm made a motion to have stone taken out of Swanton or Tom's pit rather than Charbonneau. Greg seconded. All in favor. Gavin to let Rod know.
  9. Amanda: Need to set up a loan/line-of-credit for the fire station. Do a line of credit. Gene found a rate of 1.5%. Amanda to confirm and discuss with People's.
  10. Leon Bushey quote for 3 town lawns was \$900, mowing weekly and \$3200 for mowing the cemeteries every other week. Dale Hunt bid on cemeteries only at \$3000 but did not specify frequency. Need to clarify before awarding.
  11. Kings will do E. Fairfield again for \$1,000
  12. Town road and bridge standards signed
  13. Regional planning assessment of \$1604 signed
  14. Easement for CVPS on Mill St to change poles signed.
  15. Gavin made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Gene seconded the motion. All in favor. Gavin made a motion to exit executive session. Gene seconded. All in favor. No decisions, information only.
  16. Review of Peisch contract for the audit for the next 3 years.
  17. Better Backroads grant received for Pumpkin Village Road \$10K
  18. FWA confirmed the Federal share of the spring flooding damage at 81.08%, State share at 8.92% and Town at 10%
  19. Biomass study for the wood pellet burner has been received for the town office, community center, and school. We have asked them to reconsider the garage and fire station.
  20. Pesky Pickle wants to set up in E. Fairfield again. Ok.
  21. FEMA payment of \$165,603 for 26 roads is being processed. Other support is possible.
  22. We need to appoint a first constable. Gene will talk to Bill Stygles to see if he will do it. No townspeople is interested.
  23. Master trail grant received from Regional planning.
  24. Gavin made a motion to compensate Amanda for after hours meetings at \$20/hour and recovered through grants whenever possible. Gene seconded the motion. All in favor.
  25. Municipal lighting agreement signed. MM to begin the process of replacing streetlights with LED.
  26. Gavin made a motion to approve the warrants. Norm seconded. All in favor.
  27. Gavin made a motion to adjourn. Norm seconded. All in favor.

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

**AMENDMENTS:**