

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

January 14, 2013

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

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes Secretary: absent

Visitors: Rodney Judd, Shawn Machia, Chad Gibney, Henry Magnan, Anthony Igizi, Maurice Jettie, Denise Smith, Dan Landry, Melanie Berno and Paul Calhoun

1. Tom made a motion to enter executive session to interview two candidates for road crew. Gavin seconded. All in favor. Tom made a motion to exit executive session. Gavin seconded. All in favor. Chad Gibney and Maurice Jettie were interviewed for the vacant position on the road crew.
2. Tom opened the meeting at 7:30pm.
3. Denise Smith came to discuss the Transportation Alternative Grant. It requires a 20% match of \$700,000. We need to commit to maintaining the sidewalks. All contingent on the altering of Route 36 by dropping the grade two feet at North and South Roads intersection with Route 36. There is a provision in the grant for a project manager. The SB looked at the scoping study. We are now going forward with the grant for design and construction. Tom made a motion to accept the conditions of the grant and move forward. Greg Christie seconded. All in favor.
4. Melanie Berno and Paul Calhoun, Hub Insurance, came to review their proposal for our insurance. It renews on 2.1.13. They recommend that we look at the values of our vehicles and get a list of our miscellaneous stuff in the garage. Ie. Trailer, chain saws etc.
5. Wanzer Bridge update. Right of way conversation with Henry Magnan. Update on budget of the project for "bridge in a backpack". They really want to get one of these constructed in Vermont. They really appear to be working out in the area. They are 100% guaranteed by Federal Highway Construction. Planned for the spring of 2014 and will result in a 2 month road closure.
6. Rodney gave a roads update. Jim Smith wants to put in the paving grant before he goes on vacation. Paving will be Sweet Hollow (to benefit from Swanton paving their portion at the same time) and North Road. The structures grant will be for Ryan Road Bridge. Better Back Roads will be Branon Road – stone lining the ditch. Rod and Shawn have been working on muddy roads.
7. Liquor license ratified for JW Ryan to serve at the Pond Hockey tournament. Discussed at the Jan. 7th meeting. Approved minutes amended to reflect this discussion.
8. We received \$19,500 trail grant. This will reimburse the general fund for the expense.
9. Tom made a motion that all incoming 2012-2013 FEMA reimbursements will go into the Capital Improvement fund for matches. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
10. Certificate of mileage signed by Tom.
11. Amanda asked if she could run an ad for a new grant writer. Yes, go ahead.
12. Dick Howrigan would like to put a plaque on the covered bridge in East Fairfield honoring our fallen soldiers.
13. Amanda to look at insurance from Hub and VLCT and compare prices/policies.

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14. Tom made a motion to approve the warrants. Greg seconded. All in favor.
15. Tom made a motion to adjourn. Greg seconded. All in favor.

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