

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

January 12, 2015

In Attendance: Gavin Ryan, Gene Archambault and Norm Menard

Visitors: Kristen Hughes, Terry Harris

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Kristen would like a 3-month extension to the grant for the food storage space. She gave an update on what has been done until now. Gene made a motion to extend. Norm seconded. All ok.
2. Terry Harris – Surveyor mostly dealing with historic research and disputes. Here to help locate a missing town highway in the records. In July, any roads not found and added to the maps will be discontinued. Map revisions are due Feb. 10th so we are on a short time frame. Authorized an initial expenditure of \$2500 and then will report back by mail.
3. Discussion regarding the 4% tax discount for early pay. Only 4 towns still do this. Big cost to the town with little real savings to the taxpayer. On a \$200K home, the savings is only \$36 because the tax rate increases to cover the expected cost of the discount. Discussed how to explain this to taxpayers.
4. Gene made a motion to approve the minutes. Norm seconded. All in favor.
5. Elmbrook Bridge will have partial closure from May-July and full closure one week in July. Awarded to St. Onge – same with South Rd. They have signs to rent warning of impending closure and find alternate route. Ask them to supply.
6. Wanzer Bridge guardrails will be put up in the spring. No longer need the weight limit on that bridge
7. Some concern expressed about the new ditches on Northrup Rd. They are actually smaller than previous, just clean so more noticeable. They will be seeded in the spring and will look less threatening.
8. School won grant for “Safe routes to school”. They will coordinate with the town on the sidewalk project. No match. Gavin signed.
9. We received an Eco Systems grant on Shenang Rd. Ditch/stone lining will be done in the spring.
10. Ann Branon’s estimate for painting the interior of the Town Office \$1500. Plus materials. Ok.
11. New carpet going in the foyer. Aaron will install when the painting is completed.
12. Wetland permit received.
13. Lucy Gibson, Dubois and King, coming to next meeting to discuss the 4-way stop plan for Route 36-North-South Rd intersection.
14. Update to audit contract to include auditing of the Wanzer Bridge as a special item – required by law for any project over \$500K. Extra \$3K
15. Steve Cushing resigned as Zoning Administrator and recommended Alisha Larocque as his replacement. Gene made a motion to appoint Alisha to the position of Zoning Administrator. Norm seconded. All in favor.
16. Finalizing tax maps and adjustments will take some time before the maps can be made public
17. 2015 budget needs approving

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18. Gavin made a motion to enter Executive session to discuss salaries. Gene seconded. All in favor. Gavin made a motion to exit executive session. Gene seconded. All in favor. Advice only. No decisions.
19. P&Z is working on a revision of the Town Plan, which expires in 2015. Adding in some new requirements about flooding to improve our payout on State supported projects.
20. Reviewed current road standards and State standards with regard to sub-division development. Tim Corey had concern about the Yandow subdivision. Norm will go measure and make sure it complies.
21. Review of winter road operations policy. Approved.
22. Need to set up a meeting with road crew and SB to review how to work the road policy.
23. Town Hwy weight restriction reviewed. Amanda to check Swamp Road.
24. Storm water Drainage maps reviewed. Rod needs to look at them and see if they are accurate.
25. Gene made a motion to approve the budget for 2015. Norm seconded. The budget was level funded from last year at \$932,691. All in favor.
26. Gene made a motion to approve the warrants. Norm seconded. All in favor.
27. Gene made a motion to adjourn. Gavin seconded. All in favor.

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