

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

January 28, 2013

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

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes Secretary: Melissa Manson

Visitors: Doug Flack

1. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes. Norm seconded. All in favor.
2. Amanda reviewed the warning and asked for approval. Discussion followed.
3. Doug Flack asked to be included in the warning as an education campaign about the tar sands oil proposal. The oil company wants to reverse the flow on this pipeline which runs across the Mississquoi River in North Troy to pipe tar sands oil from Canada to Portland, ME for shipping offshore. This is a very old pipeline and the tar sands oil is very abrasive and under extreme pressure. There is a lot of concern for the river if the pipeline were to spring a leak. Tom made a motion to include this information in the warning. Greg seconded. All in favor.
4. Doug also wanted to discuss the speed limit on Duffy Hill Rd. There is an issue with speed and there have been 2 crashes in his family in the last few months. MM to order cattle crossing and tractor signs to be installed in the spring. Doug will pay for the signs, town will install. MM to prepare an amendment to the traffic ordinance lowering the speed to 40mph on Duffy Hill.
5. Tom made a motion to approve the warning. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
6. Amanda says we need to decide about the property insurance. Hub came back with \$5K lower bid. Coverage is lower by a significant amount. Gene made a motion to stick with Hub. Greg seconded. All in favor. Next year we will get them to bid the same coverage as the league so we can compare more easily.
7. Review of the audit.
8. Tom signed the agreements for Wanzer and South Road bridges.
9. We did not get the fire statin bunker gear or generator grants.
10. There are 10 applicants for grant writer.
11. We received a bill from FCHS for \$500 for an animal holding agreement/contract for 2013. We're not contracting.
12. Letter from the delinquent tax collector. "Does the Select Board authorize the delinquent tax collector to use whatever means necessary to collect delinquent taxes including, but not limited to hiring and attorney to conduct tax sales?" Tom made a motion to approve the above-noted request. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
13. Tom signed the overweight permits.
14. Discussion re what to include in the letter from the SB in the town report.
15. Do we want to change the location of any streetlights before they are changed to LED?
No.
16. TAC wants us to review bridge priorities. MM to handle.
17. Review of Pond Hockey tournament. Big success. Work proposed on the meadow to make a parking lot.
18. Ancient roads making some progress.
19. MM to sign up anyone who needs flagging school for March 13.
20. Norm would like to see a mechanic in the garage 2 days a month to do preventative mtc.
21. Gene made a motion to approve the warrants. Greg seconded. All in favor.
22. Gene made a motion to adjourn. Greg seconded. All in favor.

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