

Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes

May 11, 2015

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

Visitors: Alisha LaRocque, Sue Magnan

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Alisha LaRocque, Zoning Administrator, came to discuss several P&Z issues. P&Z would like to add Aaron Forbes as a member. Gavin made a motion to appoint Aaron as an alternate. Greg seconded. All in favor. New attendance policy now in place to address issues – if you miss one third of the meetings, you are off the board. P&Z would like to change fee schedule to be more in line with other towns. Gavin would like to compare with neighboring towns rather than towns of similar size.
2. Sue Magnan is strongly opposed to guardrails near the Wanzer Bridge. Big problem with winter driving here and often have to drive the ditch edge. Won't be able to do that with guardrails. State plan and will have to address them directly.
3. Sue gave a library update. Lots of programs and high after school attendance.
4. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes. Norm seconded. All ok
5. More discussion on the Swamp Rd culvert. No start date yet.
6. Paving quote of \$79/ton seems high with fuel so low. Discussion followed on how to best spend this years paving budget. Maybe the school? Needs drainage first.
7. Some issues with culvert depth – they are not being set deep enough
8. Review of Recommendations of the Pond Committee re Pond beach/parking plan. Gavin made a motion to appoint Shayne Bocash and Debra Hastings to the committee. Norm seconded. All in favor. Committee to include Amanda, Norm, Greg, Shayne, Debra and Ron Bocash as Chair.
9. Joanna Jerose working on a kid group to clean the beach.
10. Overweight permits signed.
11. Issue with Kings not doing an adequate job cutting the ball fields. Leon Bushey offered to do it for the same price. Already approved Kings. Talk to them and give them a chance to change.
12. Better Backroads application for Pumpkin Village signed.
13. We applied for a Better Backroads Planning grant to do the culvert inventory.
14. Issue with loose dogs on South Road causing issues in Bradley Cemetery. Advise Colleen.
15. Paula Yandow concerned that the North Fairfield Cemetery hasn't been mowed yet. Compare bids. Maybe sheep?
16. South Road bridge closure signage only to be supplied when the bridge is closed. Posted again on FPF.
17. Sand discussion. Where to get it? How to truck it?
18. We did not receive the Land Water Conservation fund grant for the Pond.
19. Grant committee is losing momentum since we have no grant writer. Need to make a plan.
20. Slide-on box for Rodney's truck is \$10K from Charlebois. Neoprene liners to be used in summer are \$4K. Help protect the box.
21. Ann has finished most of the painting. Quoted \$775 to do Chester Arthur. Ok.

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

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22. Notice from Fairfax regarding Bessette Rd/Scenic Vista Rd to town of Fairfield line. June 9th 3pm site visit to review discontinuation of the road
23. Sidewalk grant – issue with the 4-way stop/pedestrian crossing. No one wants to pay to do the intersection before the crosswalk even though they all think it's a good idea
24. Need a new member for the Transportation Advisory Committee. Anyone interested?
25. Town Road crew needs to get Shurpac out of Swanton. Need to mix fines with stone to make it pack better. SB has asked that this happen many times. Why isn't it happening?
26. Norm made a motion to enter Executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Greg seconded. All in favor. Norm made a motion to exit executive session. Greg seconded. All in favor. Personnel Issue. Ongoing.
27. Greg made a motion to approve the warrants and adjourn. Norm seconded. All in favor.