

**Town of Fairfield
Select Board Minutes
August 13, 2012**

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

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes Secretary: Melissa Manson

Visitors: Jim Donovan, Denise Smith, Jeff Corey, Tim Corey, Jim Paradee, and Rodney Judd

1. Rodney Judd attended to review several road issues. Discussion regarding Ryan Road Bridge, the south abutment needs major work. Issue with replacing the box culvert on the South Road. Jim Smith will call Cota or St. Onge and follow-up. Rod asked about the money for gravel and guardrail on the Stratton Bridge. The bridge came with the guardrail, so the money set aside for that is to be given to Jim Allen as a contribution to the bridge. Town to supply gravel. \$5K to Jim Allen approved at previous meeting. Need to get sand bids and samples. Rodney to do. Try adding some rock fine to the mix on Ryan Road and Juare Road. Norm expressed concern about the new width of Church Rd. 22' is the accepted width. Discussion re what the road crew worked on besides Church Rd.
2. Denise Smith – \$545K sidewalk project, grant available due August 24th. There is a 10% cash match for the Town. We would have 2 years to build the project. Greg made a motion to move forward as long as the project includes cutting the hill down at Rt. 36/North & South Roads to improve sightline and that it can be paid for over 2 years. Norm seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. Jim Donovan made a final presentation of the Master Trail Plan. As a first step, he suggested signage on the roads “Share the Road” and a trail map. He also suggested another study of a route from the proposed Lamoille Valley Rail Trail to Fairfield Center. Greg made a motion to accept the study as presented. Norm seconded. All in favor.
4. Jim Paradee and Tim Corey went to the School Board meeting looking for \$50K for the old fire station. Not approved. Brad is expected next week. Still some issues with septic tank covers
5. Tom signed the letter of support for the Friends of Lake Champlain Storm water Mapping and Planning grant.
6. 2-3 loads of driveway stone left over from the trail project. Some places need filling and the whole thing needs smoothing out. Perhaps sell the stone to the school for the parking lot
7. Biomass feasibility study for the garage and fire stations presented for review.
8. Some concern on pricing for culverts from Bates.
9. Fuel Bid – only 2 respondents
Blouin rack plus .12. Browns rack plus .097. Steve Beauregard is willing to add St. Albans Town to our bid. See if they will lower the offer.
10. MM to call NWSWD to see if they can supply us with used oil.
11. Roadside mowing discussion. Gavin made a motion to pay Matthew Howrigan \$6K to do it. Greg seconded. All in favor.

12. Grand List corrections presented by Amanda for James. Greg made a motion to approve. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
13. Contract for Cartographic to do tax mapping. \$38,403 if paid in advance and completed by 2014. Lawyer reviewed and suggested some changes. Gavin made a motion to approve with the Town Attorney changes. Greg seconded. All in favor.
14. Franklin County Humane Society wants a contract.
15. Vermont League of Cities and Towns is coming next week to talk about health care.
16. East Fairfield Community Center wants to remove the slide and fix the electrical in the park. There is money in CC maintenance fund. \$2K quote is too high. Get new ones. Jim will remove the slide and the cement block.
17. Greg made a motion to approve the Branon conservation request. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
18. Jan. 18-20, 2013 VT Pond Hockey Tournament. Everyone playing would be covered under the USAA insurance. Chris Heald will come on the 27th to give all details. Make sure that it's not a wetland before approving filling in to create a parking lot. Talk to Bocash's first, before doing anything. Greg made a motion to approve. Norm seconded. All in favor.
19. Gavin made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg seconded. Amend to show that Tom Howrigan was in attendance. Approved as amended.
20. Gavin made a motion to approve the warrants and adjourn. Greg seconded. All in favor.

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

AMENDMENTS: