

# **Town of Fairfield Select Board Minutes**

**April 27, 2015**

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Norm Menard and Greg Christie

Visitors: Lance Carr, Sue Magnan

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

1. Lance Carr was in attendance to represent the road crew and review current issues.
2. Greg Christie sworn in as Select Board member.
3. Greg made a motion to approve the minutes. Norm seconded. All in favor.
4. Elm Brook Bridge will be closed daily from May 5<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup> and then closed completely from July 13 to July 20. David Howe has been informed.
5. South Road will be closed from July 24 to August 21 for replacement of the bridge. Melissa to put on Front Porch Forum. Amanda to check with St. Onge about signage warning people to find an alternative route.
6. Jim Pease gave us his Storm water Drainage Inventory and advised that they will likely return in a year and do an "Illicit Discharge Detection Survey".
7. Over weight permits signed.
8. Tom to do the Local Emergency Operations Plan training.
9. Greg made a motion to appoint Linda Hodet as Delinquent Tax Collector. Norm seconded. All in favor.
10. Dubois King advises that the 4-way stop has conditional approval from the State of Vermont. Dubois King would like to see it completed prior to the pedestrian project to give people time to get used to the change in traffic pattern. Yes!!
11. Mowing quotes received. Leon Bushey will continue to do the Town. King will continue to do East Fairfield and Winding Roads will keep doing cemeteries for \$4200/year
12. Two Better Back Road Grant Applications – one for a planning grant to do the culvert inventory \$4K and one for an implementation grant to do Pumpkin Village culvert and stone lining. \$10K
13. Abbott floors \$2100, Roland Garceau \$1870 quote for Chet Arthur floors. Garceau to win the bid.
14. Anne Branon still needs to quote on painting the Chester Arthur room
15. Tom signed letters to Northwest Regional Planning asking for support of the revised Town Plan and the Village designation
16. Grand Tour Desjardins to bring 1600 cyclists through town on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Someone should warn Rose.
17. Bethany Remmers – NWRPC will be doing a new traffic study on Pond Road near the beach
18. We finally received \$175K paving grant for North Road
19. Community Center would like to use discarded fence to extend the playground. Ok.
20. Senate committee is proposing to eliminate PILOT (Payment in lieu of Taxes) to towns. Fairfield receives \$4K per year for State owned properties. Would have to be raised by taxes.
21. Swamp Road bid evaluation summary reviewed. Two lowest bids had errors and were eliminated. Next lowest bid is SD Ireland at \$397,803 less \$5K because they

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

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- don't need to be bonded. Total price now \$417,803. Need to do a Grant Amendment Application. Amanda given approval to sign the application when the number is finalized.
22. Go ahead on the Shenang Road and Gillin Road projects.
  23. Greg made a motion to approve the warrants. Norm seconded. All in favor
  24. July for line striping on North Road. MM to notify State of VT
  25. Blasting plans for summer discussed. Plenty of culvert work to do and the frost isn't all out yet so it's too soon to be sure when it will all get done.
  26. Jim Cota advised the Emergency Grant approved for \$175K for Ryan Road Bridge.
  27. 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.
  28. Greg made a motion to adjourn. Norm seconded. All in favor.