

Town of Fairfield

Select Board Minutes

March 22, 2010

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

Town Administrator: Amanda Forbes

Secretary: Melissa Manson

Visitors: Denise Smith, Albert Tetreault, George Lague – Swanton Village

Tom opened the meeting at 7:30pm

1. Tom and Norm were sworn in as new Select Board members.
2. Gene made a motion that everyone succeed themselves in the board reorganization. Norm seconded the motion. All in favor. Tom is Chair, Gavin is Vice Chair and Gene is Clerk.
3. Tom made a motion to enter executive session with George Lague, Swanton Village, to discuss a legal matter. Gavin seconded. All in favor. Tom made a motion to exit executive session. Gavin seconded. All in favor. This was information only discussion about a legal matter. No decisions made.
4. Albert Tetreault came to discuss several issues surrounding the library.
 - 1) Should there be a legal boundary placed between the Pafundi property and the adjoining Soule property? There is some question as to where the line is. The library would like to survey the property line and split the cost with Soule. Steve Cushing has volunteered to donate his research time. Norm made a motion to have the line surveyed. Tom seconded the motion. All in favor.
 - 2) The School wants the library to enter into an agreement before April 5th that has the library vacating the building prior to August 1, 2010. The library is unable to give a date until after they meet with a contractor on May 1st and get a reasonable date that a new building could be ready. Tri Board meeting set for March 29 at 8pm to try to work this out.
 - 3) The Select Board and Library agree not to spend the additional money to salvage the current structures. The SB agrees to have a lawyer look over the contract. SB does not approve of spending money to move the garage. Demolish all of it and build on the slab.
5. Denise Smith came to discuss several grant issues.
 - 1) Truck loan is available at 2.5% for 5 years. Gene to see if People's will match this rate. Grant/loan application is open until April 15th. Norm will see if Case offers a 0% loan.
 - 2) Village Designation is an incentive program that makes it easier to get grants and loans for façade upgrades or accessibility upgrades. Gene made a motion to support the application for village designation. Norm seconded the motion. All in favor.
 - 3) Municipal Planning Grant – there is potential for this grant to cover the sewage feasibility study. Gene will be the administrator. Gene made a motion to move forward with this application. Norm seconded. All in favor.
6. Gene made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2010. Gavin seconded the motion. All in favor

7. Charlebois delivers parts once per week and can be 30-40% less expensive than Clarks. We should investigate.
8. Contract for the new truck from Clarks was signed.
9. Ancient Roads: highways added need extra documentation to be accepted. Bill Hanon to verify the additional information Amanda has uncovered.
10. Verified the compressor bill.
11. No better back roads grant this year
12. AOT annual financial plan signed.
13. Class 2 Roadway Grant and Town Highway Structures Grant signed.
14. Gavin made a motion to approve the liquor and tobacco licenses for Stones and Menards. Gene seconded. All in favor.
15. Grant for automatic door downstairs has been received.
16. Overweight permits signed.
17. P&Z appointments approved. James Gregoire and Henry Magnan appointed for 3 years.
18. Letter to Cassidy regarding line of sight problems on Mill St.
19. Backhoe discussion. Norm made a motion to buy the backhoe with a thumb attachment. Gavin seconded. All in favor.
20. Norm will check on Case credit. Norm has the authority to proceed
21. Gavin made a motion to approve the warrants and adjourn. Gene seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted. Melissa, Secretary

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

AMENDMENTS: