

Town of Fairfield Selectboard Minutes

January 23, 2023

In Attendance: Tom Howrigan, Gavin Ryan, Ronald Bocash, Brian Dubie and David Persons

Road Foreman: Maurice Jettie

Town Clerk: Linda Hodet

Town Administrator: Cathy Ainsworth

Secretary: David Persons

Visitors: NWATV, Jim Paradee, Amanda Forbes, Kristopher Sabourin, David & Peggy Howrigan, Caryssa Denton, Robyn Yates, Denis Hendy, Mark Dubie

1. Road Forman Report from Maurice Jettie. Discussion about sand and salt usage to this season. 66ft of 166ft in the sand shed has been used.
2. Received a proposal for engineering services, for the North Rd Culvert replacement from one provider. Cathy to reach out for 2nd quote.
3. F550 is due to be replaced in the near future. Maurice to get some replacement numbers for future discussions.

David motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Gavin seconds, motion carries.

Gavin motion to exit executive session, Ron seconds, motion carries. No decisions, discussion only.

4. Kris Sabourin from AM Peisch presented an update on audit. Final audit report will not be ready for the town report. AMP to provide letter for the town report and a draft financial report to selectboard prior to town meeting.
5. Members of the public spoke regarding the proposed Howrigan Wind project on Menard Rd.
6. Linda reports that the water districts in town are considered a municipality, that's why they are not taxed.
7. Home Health did not get enough signatures to be added to the warning for town meeting.

Gavin made a motion to add Home Health to the warning. Brian seconds, motion carries.

Gavin made a motion to approve the warning for town meeting, Tom seconds. Motion carries.

Brian made a motion to accept the minutes from the 1/9/23 meeting, Ron seconds. Motion carries.

Brian made a motion to approve the warrants, Ron seconds. Motion carries.

8. Cathy provided an update on the close out work for the Juare Rd FEMA project.

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

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9. Town Health officer needs to be appointed by the Select Board.

Gavin nominates Melissa Manson to be the Town Health Officer, Tom seconds. Motion carries.

10. Cathy suggested a change to the personnel policy to align sections regarding comp time. Cathy to bring proposed changes to next meeting.

Gavin moved that the Selectboard make the specific finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. Tom seconded. Motion carries.

Gavin made a motion to exit executive session. Ron seconded. Motion carries.

11. Executive Session resulted in the Selectboard sending a memorandum to David & Peggy Howrigan in response to their questions.

Gavin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian. Motion carries.