

Selectboard members: Jay Barrett, Tim Cramer (Chair), Ken Gulick
Administrative Assistant: Ann Fenton

Guests: Kevin Cummings (7:00-7:49), Melissa Gahagan (7:05-8:40), Bruce Lyndes (7:30-8:40), Leon C. Marsh, Jr. (7:00-7:49), Sandra Smith-Ordway (7:10-8:40), Cicely Richardson (7:05-8:20), Noel Walker (7:00-8:40), John K. Wetzel (7:25-8:40)

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Tim Cramer called the meeting to order.

7:02: Review of Minutes: Jay Barrett moved to approve the Selectboard minutes of March 8, 2010. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

7:03: ORDERS SIGNED AND CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWED:

1. UPPER VALLEY COMMUNITY BAND: Jay Barrett moved to authorize signature of the band contact for July 4, 2010. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
2. OVERWEIGHT PERMITS: Jay Barrett moved to authorize the Chair to sign overweight permits. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
3. COPY OF VALLEY NEWS ARTICLE, RE: NEW PRODUCE SHOP AT RAILROAD STATION: It was noted that it is exciting to see that R & S Produce is doing a good job of renovating the space that they are leasing from the Town, and that they would be opening soon for business.
4. WATER TESTING: Report from Water Solutions, Water Quality Consultants, regarding town water system, stating the parameters to be within the guidelines the results to show good overall water quality/sequestering.
5. CERTIFICATION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES: Letter requested from consulting engineers conducting audit of Moretown Landfill. The Selectboard noted that the Town of Fairlee has not contracted to have any waste brought to Moretown Landfill, and accordingly the Selectboard cannot submit the requested certification. The AA will follow up with a letter to the consultant.
6. EMAIL FROM TIMOTHY PRICE RE: FIBER OPTIC SYSTEM IN FAIRLEE: Attached note from Charlie Davenport, Topsam Telephone Company General Manager, stating on March 10th that the fiber system will be up and going very quickly.
7. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE & NOTICE OF DRB HEARINGS
8. NOTICE OF MINOR MODIFICATION TO AQUATIC NUISANCE CONTROL PERMIT: Regarding reporting of the suction harvesting operation. AA forwarded copies to John Larrabee and Don Weaver.
9. TRORC LETTER, RE: TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS: It was noted that Jay Barrett was reappointed at the Selectboard organizational meeting in March.
10. NOTICE OF ACT 250 HEARING SCHEDULED, RE: ALOHA FOUNDATION WATERFRONT CAMP BUILDINGS

11. LETTERS OF APPRECIATION RE: TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, FROM: 1.) VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING AND 2.) VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

12. COPY OF LETTER OF APPRECIATION SENT BY AA TO MR. AND MRS. EDMUND MASON FOR PICKING UP DEBRIS ON THE TOWN COMMON

13. LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

7:27: APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF: In discussion of plans for the year, Police Chief Leon C. Marsh, Jr. commented that he has no changes planned. Jay Barrett noted that the Town's relationship with the Orange County Sheriff Department and the State Police is still working well.

Jay Barrett made a motion to reappoint Leon C. Marsh, Jr. to his 48th year as Fairlee Police Chief. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

7:30: PUBLIC COMMENT:

- TOWN TREASURER MELISSA GAHAGAN, RE: WATER DEPARTMENT: A water customer has requested that they not be charged for the portion of time that they would be out of town. In discussion, it was noted that the only customers who qualify for seasonal rates, would be those who turn their water off for part of the year. In follow-up, the Treasurer and AA will draft a letter to the customer.
- BRUCE LYNDES, RE: METAL DUMPSTER POLICY: Bruce Lyndes requested that the Town allow dump pass holders to take items from the metal dumpster if they could re-use/recycle the item. In discussion, it was noted that there would be liability in allowing residents to reach into the metal bin. It was also noted that the Town receives revenue for metal, which offsets costs. An option discussed for consideration in the future was to have an area at the transfer station to put re-useable items aside.
- KEVIN CUMMINGS, RE: CUSTOMER CONTAMINATING RECYCLING BINS BY NOT FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR SEPARATING MAERIALS: In discussion, it was noted that it would be appropriate for the trash contractor to get the license plate number of the offender and refer the situation to the police chief for investigation and follow-up.

7:49: NEW BUSINESS:

- ACT 144: Discussion considering having a town vote, re: reversing Act 144:
 - Distributed materials:
 1. Town of Fairlee Education tax- spreadsheet showing tax rates from 2004 –2009, and 2010 as currently estimated compared to 2010 if Act 144 was reversed: presented by Sandra Smith-Ordway.
 2. Fairlee – Act 144 Timeline: presented by Sandra Smith-Ordway.
 3. Fairlee Tax Rates: distributed by Noel Walker.
 4. Town of Fairlee, Summary of Data Regarding a Change in the Treatment of Act 144 Expenses: drafted by John Wetzel.

Following discussion, Jay Barrett made a motion to advise, encourage and support the Fairlee School Board Representatives to start the process of holding a hearing, and to include Legislative Representatives and Senators, and representatives from the Department of Education to help residents to understand the issue. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

The Selectboard thanked Listers Noel Walker and John Wetzel; and School Board Representatives Sandra Smith-Ordway and Bruce Lyndes for the useful information presented.

8:40: OTHER BUSINESS:

- **REQUEST TO USE GRANGE ROOM:** Jay Barrett moved made a motion to approve the request of David Matthews to use the Grange Room on April 20 for a meeting of the Wildlife Habitat Coop. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
- **STREET SWEEPER:** The AA was contacted by a business which purchased the street sweeping equipment from the business that had been contracted by the Town; and that the new business is interested in doing the sweeping. The Selectboard asked the AA to schedule street sweeping for mid-April with the new business as long as they can stay within the budget allocated, and to have the sweeping contractor coordinate with the road contractor.

REVIEW/SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SELECTBOARD MEETINGS AND AGENDAS:

Next meeting: March 29.

At 9:10, Jay Barrett made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ken Gulick, the vote passed unanimously.

Attest: _____

Ann Fenton, Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

Date approved: April 12, 2010