

**TOWN OF FAIRLEE  
SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2010**

The Fairlee Selectboard Meeting was held on Monday, March 29, 2010 in the Grange Room at the Fairlee Town Hall.

Timothy Cramer, Selectboard Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Present were:**

Selectboard Members: Timothy (Tim) Cramer, Chair, Frank J. (Jay) Barrett, Jr., and Kenneth (Ken) Gulick, Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Town Clerk

Guests: Joe Benning, (7:00-8:37) Russell, Theresa, Troy, and Tara Collins (7:00-7:30) Ruth Hook (7:00-7:30) John Larrabee (7:00-7:50) David Matthews (7:00-7:45) Michael Wright (7:30-8:37)

Tim announced that Administrative Assistant Ann Fenton was absent from this meeting due to unavoidable family circumstances and that Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Town Clerk will be taking notes for her.

**Approve minutes: (7:00)** No minutes from the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting available.

**Correspondence was reviewed:(7:05)** Letter to Steve Stocking, the Aquatic Permit for Lake Fairlee, and a letter for George Smith, Zoning Administrator that he would be out of the office from 4/19/10 to 4/23/10.

9 Over Weight Permits were reviewed. Jay made a motion that Tim have the authority to sign any Excess Weight Permits that come in this year. Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Tim asked the board if they would like to continue meeting at 7:00 pm on Mondays. Jay and Ken agreed to continue meeting on Mondays at 7:00 pm.

**Public Comment :(7:10)**

Joe Benning, Republican Candidate for the VT State Senate Seat for Caledonia County introduced himself to the board.

Russ Collins expressed his concern to the board that now with the new produce market occupying the railroad station along with his flea market beginning in May there will not be enough room for the Prouty Race to set up this summer. There was discussion on possible other sites such as the property just north of the rail road station or the property

south of Wings owned by Dick Adams. The board was in favor of the railroad tenants having priority on the space and would have Ann call the Prouty Race Coordinator to explain that a new set up for the race would be needed. Tim also offered to speak with Dick Adams to ask if he would donate the use of his field for the event.

Ruth Hook updated the board on how well the new produce market was doing. She had had one customer express concern about the entrance door opening in and was this following safety codes. Jay assured her that state fire code allows doors to open in unless 50 or more people are in the building at one time.

Russ Collins asked if the Selectboard would consider expanding his contract to open his flea market starting May 1 instead of May 15. Russ offered to either pay for a full month's rent or to pay \$100.00 more and do a spring grounds clean up. Tim was concerned opening up the flea market to early might conflict with any lawn seeding that will happen this spring. Russ added that he most likely would not have many vendors set up and would be happy to rope off areas to keep foot traffic off of the newly seeded areas. Jay made the motion to allow the flea market to open on May 1<sup>st</sup> but to wait on the additional rent until the lawn bids came in to determine when clean up and seeding will happen. Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

David Matthews questioned when the Town Hall Building Committee will meet with the Selectboard. The meeting is scheduled for next week Monday, April 5, 2010. David also requested a copy of the town hall specification drawings. Jay will supply copies to the committee complete with CAD drawings and the information from Estes and Gallup when the sprinklers were done.

David continued by expressing his concern on not receiving notices regarding the Lake Fairlee Association's meetings and state permit applications. Jay made a motion that Ann draft a letter to the state and the Lake Fairlee Association that the Fairlee Selectboard Office needs to be kept abreast of any meetings, permits, etc. and let them know that David Matthews is our town representative to the association and to have Ann cc this letter to the Town of West Fairlee and Thetford. Ken seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

### **New Business: (7:35)**

Jay announced that he and John Larrabee had a successful day last Sunday 3/29/10 scanning old pictures and postcards of Fairlee for the pictorial history book. They are still looking for pictures of farms and businesses prior to 1971.

Georgette informed the board that Barbara Duncan would like to come to next week's meeting to speak with the board about the Two-Rivers energy audit and the PACE meeting she attended. Tim asked that Ann schedule her some time on next week's agenda.

The board reviewed the Two Rivers East Central Vermont CEDS Region Project Solicitation conceptual project list. After some discussion it was decided that Jay would write a response with what the board felt should be priority projects mostly being the culvert that runs under the railroad tracks by the station.

Georgette asked if the Selectboard might approve Cramer Electric fixing the light in the Historical Society Office that is not working anymore. Jay made a motion to approve Cramer Electric fixing the light. Ken seconded the motion. Tim abstained due to conflict of interest. All were in favor. The motion carried.

**Highway Budget: (7:55)**

Mike Wright came in to give a highway update and discuss plans for Hebbard Rd and Quinibeck Rd. The board and Mike discussed the Willis Engineering report of Quinibeck Rd. and how to proceed in reclaiming it. Ken would bring his copy to the office to give to Mike. It was decided that Ann should contact Better Back Roads and VTrans District 7 for some input on both roads as well as a hydraulic study on a culvert between Hebbard and Quinibeck Rd. Tim was concerned that this culvert needs to be replaced. Tim asked that Mike go ahead and patrol the roads for pot holes and culverts. Mike will check back with the board next week about the road bans and will most likely be able to lift them next week. Tim asked Mike to check gravel prices for the town. Road sweeping was discussed and to have Ann schedule the dates. Tim informed Mike and the board about the large pine tree just past Jean Ward's on School Street that needs to be cut down but it still needed to be determined who the tree belongs to. Mike also mentioned a big poplar tree that needs to come down on the north end of the lake. Tim asked Mike to contact Win at Aloha and find out if it is their tree. Mike informed the board that Pompei Sand and Gravel was offering sand at 4.75 a ton compared to 6.00 a ton. Tim made the motion that Mike buy sand to put up. Jay seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. Mike will figure out how many miles of road that will need chloride this year and get back to the board.

**Other Business: (8:25)**

Georgette will mail out requested mowing bids. Gave copy to Tim incase anyone has questions. The board signed the orders. Georgette will receipt all excess weight permit checks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Georgette Wolf-Ludwig/Town Clerk

Approved: April 5, 2010