

SELECTBOARD

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1995

Dick Soule, Doug Webb, Mark Rainville, Donna Meunier, Don Pigeon, and Randy Devine were present, Jim Field was also present.

The weekly orders and the minutes from the July 3rd meeting were reviewed and signed. Donald reported that all the blacktopping is finished.

The new filters have been installed in the water system, and were plugged full within three days. Discussion was held on the best way to keep the filters clean and changed. Water will be pumped from the second town well, and the hours that water is pumped from the primary well will be cut back. Further discussion will be held on setting up a schedule to have the filters checked daily. Manosh recommended that the pump not be raised.

Bill Hannon is unable to do the surveying necessary for the culvert on Swamp Road. Bids will be submitted from Cross Engineering and Buck and Pierce for the job.

CVPS has contacted Mark with a possible sale price for the land next to the river. Discussion was held on possible ways for purchasing the land, and how to make access to the land equitable. Dick will contact the BFA Trustees to see if they would make a down payment on the land, and send a letter of intent to CVPS. Mark will contact John Grace to see if CVPS would accept a letter of intent.

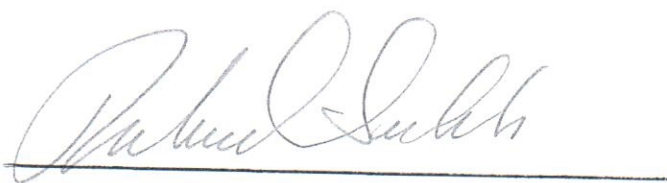
Donna was present to discuss the tax rate with the board. The school budget is \$1,796,914.50, and the town budget \$689,142.00. The tax rate for 1995 is \$1.784.

General discussion was held with Randy Devine regarding situations with dogs during the last month. He will plan to attend the second board meeting of each month.

Jim Field was present to ask the Selectmen to approve a fire district made up of the homeowners currently being served by the Windtop Water Works, Inc. The board will review the request.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Gilbert
Selectboard Assistant



July 17, 95
Date

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1995

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MONDAY, JULY 17, 1995

Dick Soule, Doug Webb, Mark Rainville, and Don Pigeon were present; other people present were Bob Ovitt, Gary Holsopple and Jim Field.

The weekly orders, and minutes from the July 10th meeting were reviewed and signed. Quotes had been received from Buck and Pierce, and Cross Engineering for the surveying that needs to be done on the Swamp Road culvert project. Mark will contact Cross Engineering to ask them to do the job.

The Board met with the School Board to discuss the possible purchase of the CVPS land next to the river. Following the BFA Trustees meeting Tuesday the 18th, a letter of intent will be sent to CVPS.

Jim Field came in to discuss the forming of a fire district made up of the homeowners currently being served by the Windtop Water Works, Inc. The Selectboard approved the project. Jim will contact them when the organizational meeting is to be held.

Don and Mark viewed the Falls Bridge with representatives from the State on Wednesday. ~~Jim Smith will submit a report of written recommendations for the project.~~ The group also visited the Rood Mill Bridge, and it was the recommendation of the State that the bridge be expanded to 24 feet in width. *Jim Smith will submit a report of written recommendations*

General discussion was held on the water situation, and the cleaning of the filters. Don reported that some sections of the roads will be given another application of chloride. The Selectboard will discuss a schedule for work on the sidewalks at the July 24th meeting.

A request has been received from Bernard Keefe to have a sewer hookup allocated for a lot on Hunt Street. The request was approved, and a letter will be sent. Gary Holsopple presented a request for a driveway permit to access a building lot on the Fletcher Road. The request was approved.

Bob Ovitt asked that he be allowed to sell lot #7 of his Rood Mill lots without paying the \$3000 to be used for repair of the Rood Mill bridge. The lot has 600 feet of road frontage on Rood Mill, and could be accessed from Rood Mill. The Selectboard granted the requested exemption because the lot does have road frontage on the Rood Mill Road. A letter will be sent noting that all other lots will subject to the April 16, 1990 signed agreement.

Walter Zinn representative from Clear Water Filtration Systems was present to give the Board a proposal on the installation of a filtration system that would remove the manganese from the water. A dry well would be needed to dispose of the back flush water, and additional space would be needed for a pressure tank and storage for the salt used in the system. The Board will review the proposal and discuss it further.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Gilbert
Selectboard Assistant



7-24-95

SELECTBOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 17, 1995

SELECTBOARD

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1996

Dick Soule, Jr., Doug Webb, Mark Rainville, Jim Field, Don Pigeon, Paul Senesac, and Al Daniels were present

The weekly orders, and the minutes from February 26th were reviewed and signed.

Jim will send the form to Banking and Insurance with the information about the R.L. Vallee spill. Jim was also requesting use of the fire station for the March 21st meeting of Fire District #1. The Selectboard approved the request.

Discussion was held on the request for flood assistance to be submitted to the Federal government. Donna Meunier was appointed as the Town's agent to represent Fairfax with State and Federal agencies that manage flood assistance money.

A couple purchasing the LaFountain property on Sam Webb Road came in to ask about the driveway cut. Don will check to see if a 15" culvert needs to be installed to replace the existing culvert. The existing entry on to Sam Webb Road is ok.

The Board approved Don's request to use the trailer from the wastewater plant to pick up barrels of used oil for the furnace at the town garage.

Paul reported that when the pump station on Hawley Road malfunctioned it caused the town main that it feeds into to freeze. The pump station has not been repaired properly. He will get a copy of the design from Wheeler Engineering, and make sure that the pump station is repaired correctly since it impacts on the town system.

The cyanide testing needs to be done within the first five working days of April or May. He will deliver the garden tractor to the town garage, and make sure the chlorine cylinders are removed from the treatment plant.

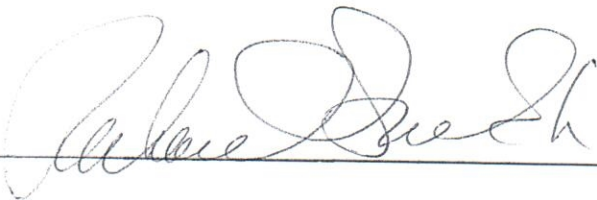
Doug will call R.L. Vallee's to ask them to remove the gas tank from the town garage. An account will be set up at Nan's Mobil for any gas purchases by the Town. Dick will speak to Nan. Mark will contact Jim Field to ask him to authorize members of the fire department to sign for gas at Nan's. The Board will investigate getting bids for diesel fuel oil.

Papers to confirm the boundary lines between the Keefe property, and the land purchased by the Town from CVPS were signed.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the cap on building permits. A notice will be placed in the Buyers' Digest stating that a maximum of 25 dwelling unit permits will be issued for a period of year beginning March 18th, and the fee for each dwelling unit will be \$500. The Board will meet with Al and representatives from Planning and Zoning for further discussion next Monday at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Gilbert
Selectboard Assistant



SELECTBOARD

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1996

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MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1997

Doug Webb, Mark Rainville, Dick Soule, Don Pigeon, Randy DeVine were present; Mr. & Mrs. Greenia, Art Huse, and Glenn McNall were also present.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at a regularly scheduled meeting.

The weekly orders, and the minutes from the January 6th meeting were reviewed and signed. Art Huse was present to get items for the February issue of The Fairfax News.

Doug had talked to Jim Smith during the last week regarding barriers for the Bessette Road. Mr. Smith said that he would look at the area, and that the Selectboard might want to discuss the issue with the City of St. Albans.

Mark will contact ^{Tim} Rick Potvin to come and clean the furnace at the town garage.

Randy presented a statement of qualifications that he had received from Green Mountain Engineering. He also reported on the meeting he had attended that had addressed a possible source of money to help upgrade town water systems.

After meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Greenia from Greenia Trucking, and Glenn McNall, representative of the School Board the Selectboard determined that an additional five cents per garbage pickup per month, and an additional fifteen hundred dollars for building maintenance will be added to the proposed 1997 budget figures.

The Board approved a request from Fire District #1 to hold a meeting at the fire house. A letter had been received from the Rescue Squad with a budget request for next year. They also requested permission to build a temporary partition in the fire house, and requested that someone be hired to clean the common areas of the fire house building. Eva Gillian and Jim Field will be contacted, and asked to attend a meeting to discuss these issues with the Selectboard.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Gilbert
Selectboard Assistant

J. Douglas Webb

1/20/97
DATE

SELECTBOARD

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1997

February 4, 1997

Fairfax Fire District # 1 Newsletter Volume 2

Cover
letter.

Enclosed/Attached

Notice

Community Meeting
Windtop Water Works

Thursday, February 13, 1997

7:00 p.m. Fairfax Fire Station

\$16,500-

The members of the Prudential Committee for the Fairfax Fire District #1 would like to present information to the community concerning the results of the recently completed Water System Feasibility Study. The committee will be joined by Mr. Richard Trudell, of Trudell Consulting Engineers, Tom Clark from the Rural Community Assistance Program and the Owners of Windtop Water Works and will be presenting the findings and recommendations of the study. The community will be asked to approve a course of action.

What's been happening?

Progress has been slow, but there is light at the end of the tunnel! The members of the Fairfax Fire District #1 Prudential Committee have been meeting monthly. Our efforts have involved: the interview and selection of engineering firms, and communication with State Agencies in an effort to comply with regulations and secure funding. It has been a slow and methodical process.

Trudell Consulting Engineers, Inc. was selected to conduct the Water Feasibility Study. This study was needed to provide the community with information concerning the problems of nitrate contamination and the well's yield. The firm was also asked to investigate the costs, funding, and practicality involved with connecting to the City of St. Albans Water System and the possibility of relocating the existing well. The cost of the initial Engineering study has been born by planning advance grant for \$6,400.00 from the State of Vermont at no expense to the community.

The results of the study are now complete and are ready to be shared with the community. Copies of the engineer's report are available for your review, and will be circulating around the neighborhood. The report describes the risks, costs, and benefits associated with the three options. (repair well, drill new well, or connect to the St. Albans system) Please take the opportunity to examine the options, costs, and recommendations that Trudell has outlined in his study. Please bear in mind the cost for each option is calculated high to cover to highest expected cost of each option.

Trudell Consulting Engineers has recommended the repair of the existing well, and advises that additional improvements and upgrades to the existing system should also be taken into consideration.

What's new?

As part of the Water System Feasibility Study, a downhole video survey of the well was conducted in early December. The video revealed a major, water-bearing fracture at a depth of 29 feet from the top of the casing. Ground water from the surrounding surface aquifer is entering the well at this fracture and may explain the likely source of nitrate contamination. The study indicates it is possible to repair the well by sealing the fracture, and reinstalling

Fairfax Fire District #1

Newsletter Vol. 3 April 22, 1997

Dear Neighbors

Fairfax Fire District #1 held a community meeting on February 13, 1997. Bylaws for the Fire District were approved, and information about progress with our water system was discussed.

Dick Trudell, from Trudell Consulting Engineers, Inc. presented the results of the recently completed the feasibility study, with information about the options the community had to solve its water problems. These were to repair the existing system, drill a new well or hook onto the St. Albans system. Ken Yelsey from the Agency of Natural Resources-Water Supply Division was present to speak about sources and changes in funding available to us for repairs and upgrades. With these factors in mind, the Prudential Committee made a recommendation to attempt a repair on the existing system. Those in attendance approved, and the Prudential Board authorized Trudell Consulting Engineers to begin the repairs to be done by Chevalier Drilling Co.

The Prudential Committee was also authorized to investigate the purchase of land adjacent to the well house. Bill Simmons has offered to deed this land to Fairfax Fire District#1, at no cost, providing that we cover the legal fees. The district is a municipality and as such, will be able to own the land property tax free. We are presently looking into this.

As of this date, Chevalier Drilling Co. has completed the first phase of the well repair. The casing for the well has been replaced with a new one. This new casing was placed farther into the bed rock to seal off a fracture in the rock which was suspected to be an unwanted source of surface water contamination. We are hopeful that this will solve the existing nitrate problems. We have had one good post repair nitrate test result and are

Fairfax Fire District #1

NEWS LETTER Vol. 4 August 25, 1997

Dear Neighbors

Fairfax Fire District #1 has completed a number of important tasks since your last newsletter dated April 18, 1997. **Please plan to attend the upcoming regular Annual meeting to be held on Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM at the Fairfax Firehouse in Fairfax village.** Don't let only those attending this meeting decide important issues on the water you drink.

Since our last community wide meeting on February 13, 1997 we have completed phase one of the project, which included the testing of our current well. A successful repair of the well was conducted to eliminate the probable cause of our high nitrate levels. The well casing was replaced and the source of surface water eliminated. We saw an immediate dramatic drop in the nitrate level. We were counseled to allow several months to elapse prior to the first phase of well testing to try to be sure that we could expect the low nitrate levels to continue before spending additional funds.

In early July an extensive battery of tests were conducted to determine the well's sustained yield over a 72 hour period. We are awaiting the final official result on the per minute yield, but the initial report tends to point to a volume lower than targeted in our initial engineering report from Trudell Consulting Engineers Inc. The well has performed satisfactorily this summer with only a few minor mechanical problem temporarily interrupting supply.

The Prudential board feels the community is very happy to be able to drink the water again but wishes to bring the latest results of analysis on our current well into final focus in order to make the best informed decision on a future course of action.

Fairfax Fire District #1

NEWS LETTER Vol. 6 January 6, 1998

Bond Vote Scheduled January 26th, 1998

Informational Meeting January 21st, 1998

Dear Neighbors,

The Prudential Committee and the owners of Windtop Water Works, with the help of Tom Clark of the Rural Development Assistance Program, have been working towards completing the purchase of the water system by the Fire District. This purchase was approved by the vote of the community at the October 23rd public meeting of the Fire District.

The community also voted to direct the Prudential Committee to move ahead with the recommendations put forth by Trudell Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the planned upgrade of our storage and pumping facility. We are entering into the contract phase with Trudell Consulting Engineers to bring the planned upgrade to final design in preparation for bidding in February and construction next summer.

In order to access the **interest free loan** from State of Vermont and to comply with State law, a **Bond Vote is scheduled for January 26th, 1998 between the hours of 10:00AM and 7:00 PM at the Fairfax Vermont Town Clerk's Office.**

All registered voters residing within the Fire District are eligible to vote, in addition to home owners. You must be a registered voter to vote.

Please turn over

If you are not a registered voter you can register to vote at the Fairfax Town Clerk's Office. Absentee ballots will be available at the Fairfax Town Clerk's Office.

Please plan to attend the informational meeting required by law and scheduled for January 21st 1998 beginning a 7:30 PM at the Fairfax Fire Station in Fairfax village.

The bond vote is for the total amount allocated to the Fire District for this project by the State of Vermont. This figure was set at \$160,000.00 to secure a block of funding for our District. The bond vote is therefore in the amount of \$160,000.00.

We do not plan to spend this total allowed sum. The Prudential Committee believes the water bill would be too high per household to accommodate such an expensive project. We forecast the actual total figure to be between \$125,000.00 and \$130,000.00 at the most.

The activity surrounding the contract for final design, and this resulting design will produce the bid package forwarded to potential contractors, which will in turn direct the range of the final preconstruction cost estimates.

The actual final cost and the resulting yearly water bill will finally be determined by the success of the construction phase to stay within design and anticipated contracted prices. A balance between low cost and a quality long lasting system is our goal.

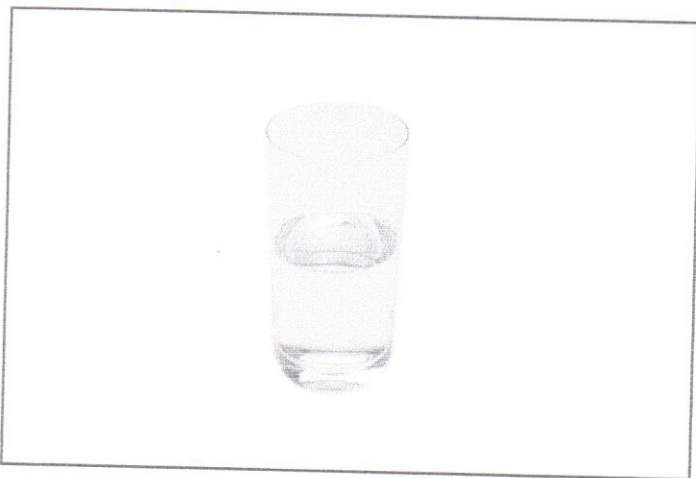
At this time we anticipate the new system to result in a annual water bill which will be something less or more than \$400.00.

Fairfax Fire District #1 Newsletter

August 1998

Annual Meeting

Please plan to attend the regular annual meeting of Fairfax Fire District #1 to be held on Wednesday, September 2, 1998, 7:00 p.m. at the Fairfax Firehouse in Fairfax village.



Elections!

Elections for 1 Prudential Board member, 1 Secretary/Clerk, and 1 Treasurer are scheduled to take place.

BOND VOTE

Last January, the residents of Fairfax Fire District #1 unanimously voted to request an interest free loan from the State of Vermont to cover the purchase and upgrade of our water system's storage and pumping facility. The application for this loan was made to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank and has been granted preliminary approval. We decided to finance up to \$130,000.00 which was enough money to cover previous expenses, and anticipated construction costs. It has been our earnest effort to keep costs down, while providing affordable and safe water for the community.

PURCHASE of WINDTOP WATER WORKS

Residents of Fairfax Fire District #1 voted to purchase the existing water system from the current owners. The transaction is now complete and has allowed the final design phase to progress.