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**TOWN OF WAITSFIELD  
SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
JUNE 17, 2020  
DRAFT**

Members present: Paul Hartshorn, chair; Kellee Mazer, vice-chair; Jon Jamieson, Brian Shupe, and Darryl Forrest.

Other present: Jared Cadwell and Chuck Martel of the Fayston Selectboard; Fire Chief Tripp Johnson; Owen Wimble; Tristan Weide; other members of the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department; and Alice Peal (via Zoom).

Staff: Trevor M. Lashua, Town Administrator

The meeting was held at the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department, and accessible by Zoom.

Paul called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Agenda additions, removals, or adjustments.

None.

2. Public Forum.

None.

3. Joint Meeting with the Fayston Selectboard to Discuss Fire Department operations, budgets, and capital needs.

Tripp Johnson led a discussion on the operating and capital needs of the Waitsfield-Fayston Fire Department.

Tripp reviewed equipment needs, showing examples of compliant and dated gear, air tanks and masks, tank packs, vehicles, radio equipment, and assorted other needs. There was discussion of building needs, such as stormwater drainage, garage door openers, water damage inside, and the need for a new heating and insulation elements.

Owen Wimble presented work to date on comparing cost and efficacy of replacing the utility van with a completely new piece of equipment versus a significant refurbishment of the existing vehicle.

The radio discussion also included discussion on how to improve radio service in the Valley, for all fire departments and road departments. There was also a brief discussion on dispatch.

The group agreed to a general timeline for developing the FY22 fire budget, and discussing the various capital improvement needs.

\*Please note – all firefighters but Paul and Tripp responded to a fire call during the discussion.

\*\*Please note – the members of the Fayston Selectboard departed at the close of this item.

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48 4. Consider Approving Letter to Kinney Drugs re Pharmacy Closure.

49 The Board agreed to send a letter to Kinney Drugs asking for reconsideration of its decision to  
50 leave the Mad River Valley. If Kinney – which was displaced by a fire – leaves, the nearest  
51 pharmacy would be in Waterbury.

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53 There was brief additional discussion on covered bridge sweeping and water quality standards, as  
54 well as the proposed Harwood High School car “parade” for seniors.

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56 *Brian moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Darryl seconded. The motion passed 5-0.*

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58 Submitted by Trevor M. Lashua, Town Administrator