

Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Regular Meeting
Monday January 19, 2015

Present: Bev Ash, Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt

Absent: Cory Austin, Marilyn Dresser

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Bev Ash moved to approve the minutes of the January 5 Regular Meeting as presented; Fred Cook seconded; passed.

Budget/Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Budget

Roads

- The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) was so impressed with West Fairlee's highway contract - calling it the most thorough they had ever seen - that they are using it as a model statewide for towns, more of whom are contracting for services like plowing and mowing.
- Research concerning paving of Brown Road – Fred and Delsie will go over the file and another letter together to make sure that they're not missing anything, and draft the letter.
- Review VTRANS Stormwater Drainage Maps – determine accuracy of information; The map was reviewed, and to our knowledge it is accurate.
- Certificate of Hwy Mileage - Delsie moved to sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage; Bev seconded; passed.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

Old Business

- Review schedule or rents for office space – Delsie suggested taking \$25 off of each individual room rent so it's \$475 instead of \$500 for example (all are negotiable anyway); no action was necessary. She will begin posting periodic notices on the listserv.
- Renewal of Appraisal/Assessment Contract w/ Vermont Appraisal Company – Hoyt noted that Lister, Janet Austin had been consulted and has signed the agreement to again work with their assessors to update the Grand List in the spring. Fred moved to renew the contract with Vermont Appraisal Company, which has the same terms as last year; Bev seconded; passed.
- Ideas for PACIF Equipment Grant – Ergonomic desk chairs were suggested as a possibility. We need them for both the Treasurer and Town Clerk stations.
- Status development of Town Report – We're almost there. A few Committee and Commission reports are still to come.
- Preparations for first hearing on Charter – The first hearing on the proposed Charter for appointive Treasurer will follow the next regular Selectboard meeting. Hoyt has drafted and will circulate a handout of frequently asked questions as suggested by Paul Gillies. The document could be edited for inclusion in the upcoming town-wide newsletter.
- Estimate for Treasurer's computer from Upper Valley Networking—Was received and it's about what was expected. This will be approved in the orders.

New Business

- 30 day notice by current trash hauler – Due, in part, to the distance they travel, providing this service has not been cost effective for More Waste, the current vendor. They have

provided their 30 day notice for suspension of services. Fred Cook has made inquiries to other haulers who may be interested in providing this service to the town them after the end of February.

- Review and approve 2015 Town Meeting Warning – Fred moved to accept the Warning as presented; Bev seconded; passed. Hoyt will present it for recording and posting by the Town Clerk tomorrow.

- Discuss anticipated changes to Open Meeting Law vis a vis maintenance of website - The Open Meeting Law is going to be changed this year to make posting requirements much less stringent, so we should be able to get by with the website we have for at least another year, saving us money.

Other Business/Agenda Items (to be acted on at next regular meeting)

Bev moved to sign the orders; Fred Cook seconded; passed.

Review Correspondence -

Upcoming Events

- February 2, 2015 6:30 pm First Hearing on Charter for appointive Treasurer
- February 5, 2015 6:30 p.m. - Tri-Town Ompompanoosuc Watershed Basin Informational Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.