

**Approved Minutes**  
**West Fairlee Selectboard Regular Meeting**  
**Monday February 2, 2015**

**Note: The meeting will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by the 1st Hearing on the Proposed Charter**

**Present: Bev Ash, Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt**

**Absent: Cory Austin, Marilyn Dresser**

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

Fred Cook moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2015 Regular Meeting as corrected; Bev Ash seconded; passed.

**Review Treasurer's Financial Statements**

-The Treasurer's financial statements will be available at the next meeting; due to the snow, NEMRC's Penny Muzzy signed on remotely to our computer from Brattleboro and did payroll and accounts payable from there. Staci helped make it happen. While not everything can be done remotely, it might be a cost-effective option while we are using NEMRC as a consultant to have her on-site at the first of the month and work remotely in the second pay period. This schedule would be dependent on other required reporting by the Treasurer which may require on-site access to files..

**Roads**

-Research concerning penting of Brown Road – Deferred; Delsie & Fred will try to set up a meeting with Bill Richter.

-Sand – Jonathan Blake is concerned about running out of sand this winter. He will make inquiries about where he can find an open pit.

-Beaver Meadow Road - A resident called with concerns about the plowing schedule on this road during recent storms.

**Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement**

**Old Business**

- Status development of Town Report - Selectboard Report -

- Solid Waste Plan / Options for new trash hauler – Bev attended a state workshop about solid waste disposal. The legislature will be revisiting Act 148 in the current session, and some deadline and requirements are up in the air for now. Fred has been calling around to get proposals for a new trash hauler since More Waste Solutions has given notice. He has found only one company interested in giving us a proposal, which should be submitted for the next meeting.

- Updates/preparations for first hearing on Charter - The first hearing on the Charter will take place after this meeting.

- Discuss anticipated changes to Open Meeting Law vis a vis maintenance of website – Changes made by the legislature to the Open Meeting Law last year are being revisited due to wide-spread concerns and complaints leveled by Towns. It is likely that the legislature will require that only Selectboard agendas and minutes will need to be posted on the web. All town Boards, Committees and Commissions must still have minutes available for public inspection

by filing them with the Town Clerk. Cat Spaulding has signed onto the website to determine if she can take over updating the existing web site.

### **New Business**

- Warn Informational Meeting on budget - Fred moved to warn the Informational Meeting on the budget for Wednesday February 25, 2015 at 6pm; Bev seconded; passed. To prepare for the informational meeting and anticipate potential questions, the Selectboard will review the budget at the next regular meeting.
- Set date and warn second hearing on proposed Charter – Fred moved to hold the second hearing on the proposed Charter on Monday March 16th at 6:30 pm after the Selectboard meeting; Bev seconded; passed.
- Approve Warning for Special Town Meeting for March 18, 2015 for Australian Ballot vote on Charter – Fred moved to approve and sign the Warning for the Special Town Meeting on March 18, 2015 to vote by Australian ballot on adoption of the proposed Charter; Bev seconded; passed. The polls will be open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Change date for next SB meeting due to holiday– Bev moved to change the next meeting to Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm; Fred seconded; passed.
- Review and sign Sullivan & Powers contracting for the annual audit - Bev moved sign the contract with Sullivan & Powers for the annual audit for \$10,700; Fred seconded; passed.
- Sign PVR 4155 Certificate – Bev moved to sign the PVR 4155 certificate; Fred seconded; passed.
- GUVSW Scrap metal/tire collection event in West Fairlee has scheduled for June 20, 2015.

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

### **Upcoming Events**

- Feb 3 -- Tri-Town Lake Fairlee Dam Committee meeting at Fairlee Town Hall
- Feb 5 -- Informational Meeting – E coli in the Ompompanoosuc at West Fairlee Community Building
- March 18 -- Special Town Meeting -- Australian ballot vote on Charter at Community Building

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.