

Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Selectboard Hearing on Re-adoption of Town Plan
Monday January 2, 2017

Present: Bev Ash, Delsie Hoyt, Steve Malinoski, Al Pfeiffer
Visitor: John Benjamin, Planning Commission

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- The Selectboard Hearing on Re-Adoption of the West Fairlee Town Plan was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Chair, John Benjamin distributed a question and answer handout outlining the rationale for an interim Town Plan while the new Town Plan is being drafted. As there were no visitors, and no correspondence had been received, the public comment period was closed at 5:46 p.m. Al moved to re-adopt the 2012-2017 Town Plan as presented by the Planning Commission and to place an article on the 2017 Town Meeting warning for approval by the voters; Steve seconded; passed. The hearing was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The Selectboard meeting was called to order following public comment on the Town Plan.

Steve moved to approve the Minutes of December 5 & 19, 2016 Regular Meetings with minor corrections; Bev seconded; passed.

Visitors/ Hear and act on reports of Town Officers and Committees

- Update Tri-Town Lake Fairlee Dam Committee: Steve/Fred - As an update to discussion of the previous meeting, Delsie reported that the Fairlee & Thetford Selectboards approved the dock replacement expense. While it was agreed that the Tri-Town Commission "punted" by not taking responsibility for this decision as it had for the rest of the project, the consensus was not to revisit the issue; payment for the dock was rejected.
- Comments on draft of Planning Commission By-Laws - John Benjamin - Informational, no action was necessary.

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries - Year-end financials were reviewed and discussed.

Roads

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Community policing options/ action on Orange County Sheriff Department contract - While preliminary inquiries have been made to collaborate with neighboring towns, there are no concrete proposals pending. There was agreement that, at a minimum, policing hours be maintained at current levels; and other opportunities and budget implications would have to be considered when, and if, they arise over the course of the coming year. Steve moved to extend the contract with Orange County Sheriff's Department at the same dollar level in 2017; the sum of the contract shall not exceed \$7,000; Bev seconded; passed.

Old Business

- Follow-up re: illegal dumping on Rt. 244 - Bev - Deferred until spring. Strategies were discussed for involving the State Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Update: Community Building sewer back-up remediation, repair, and insurance claim - Delsie - LaValley's is coming on the 10th & 11th of January to replace the floor; and a proposal is pending for taping and painting the affected walls.

- Upper Valley Humane Society contract - Bev expressed concerns about how the contract is implemented and possible budget implications. She will do additional research. Action deferred until the next meeting. On a related topic, the Selectboard discussed strategies for improving compliance with dog registration.

New Business

- Schedule for production of Town Report - As is often the case, the statutory municipal calendar will require the Selectboard to have a quick special meeting later in January to approve the Town Meeting Warning and other documents to be included in the Town Report.
- CAI Technologies - Steve moved to renew the contract with CAI Technologies for GIS mapping services; Al seconded; passed.

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

Bev moved to sign the orders; Al seconded; passed.

Review Correspondence

- A petition has been received that an appropriation request for Stagecoach Transportation Services be placed on the 2017 Town Meeting Warning.

Upcoming Events

- update/reminder schedule ARC for completion of thermostat installation

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.