

Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2020 6pm

Present: Beverly Jo Ash, Fred Cook, Bruce Durkee, Delsie Hoyt, Steve Malinoski

Clerk: Nina Schwartz

Visitors: Kevin Matte and Steve Friedman-Green Mountain Power, Dave Gibeau (WFHS), Jonathan Blake

The meeting was called to order by Delsie Hoyt at 6:00 pm.

Minutes of the January 20th meeting were reviewed. Bev made motion to approve minutes, as is, Fred seconded; approved.

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

- Kevin Matte and Steve Friedman (GMP) re: GMP proposal for new 15kv cable in conduit proposed to be buried in Buck Hill Rd:
 - Discussion and concerns about other utilities (ie-phone). Since GMP is initiating this project, they will run an extra conduit for them.
 - After input from Jonathan Blake and the general consensus of the SB the plan for buried cable within the traveled way was rejected. The alternative would be to instead cut trees, and move poles to other side of the road within the town right of way. Kevin to draft up revised proposal with preferred method.
 - Who to clear for wood-? Communications with logger and landowners – Delsie to handle
- West Fairlee Historical Society (WFHS):
 - Dave Gibeau reports water coming through back door in Bean Hall. Wants permission to seal crack from inside. Steve willing to coordinate with Dave to give him access to do job.
- Any proposals for roof repair at Bean Hall-? SB explained to Dave, as previously pointed out, that doing any such repairs on the roof would not be a prudent spend of taxpayer's money, without a comprehensive plan for the building's future and funding for structural repairs. It was pointed out that under the almost 2 year old Memo of Understanding with the WF Historical Society, the organization agreed to initiate a capital funding plan which included no expectation of tax-payer support

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries

- Tax anticipation note: for the first time in several years, this will be needed. Joe MacPherson to get in touch with bank to start process
- Annual audit scheduled for 3/11-12 with Sullivan & Powers

Roads/Land

- Review/Approve Certificate of Road Mileage: deferred until 2/17
- Summer projects planning: Grant In Aid/Class II Road grants (2 years) Middle brook Rd sections, Wild Hill Rd (120') needs reclaiming, several culverts that need replacing. Recommendation: change culverts needed on Middle Brook Rd

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Health Officer:
 - Delsie has been unsuccessful with communication on rental property for voluntary compliance
 - Life & safety code violations

- Appears hot water is not being consistently provided; hot water heater not working to code, appears to be vented into the building itself
- Current occupants using their own pellet stove, but rental housing heating unit was red tagged 2 years ago and disconnected
- As Health Officer, Delsie seeks a letter of intent for health order from SB, to be served by law enforcement, stating allegations and which landlord has right to appear before SB to rebut allegations at hearing, likely to be scheduled for next SB meeting
- Abandoned vehicle at salt shed: TPD to handle removal
- Contract renewal with Thetford PD: increase to \$83/hr, other terms and conditions remain as is; quarterly invoicing. Steve made motion to approve and sign contract, as is, Bruce seconded; unanimously approved

Old Business

- Tax sale properties:
 - Beanville property: Lister now assesses at approximately \$600. Suggestion to accept proposals from any adjacent landowners
 - King Hill property: Delsie recommunicated to Aloha Foundation to inquire on interest/progress. Ongoing, pending
- Town website revisions: preparations ongoing, additional action deferred

New Business

- Solutions for compliance with food scrap collection (July 1, 2020): Bruce reports Jonathan has two 2 ft. high well covers that can be put on top of each other, to use to comply with upcoming regulation
- Workforce housing: Delsie to reach out to Twin Pines Trust and TRORC for guidance on appropriately navigating and pooling efforts to secure ideas/grants on 'scattered sites'
- The SB thanks Al Pfeiffer for completing boundary verification for census
- Nate Piro (chief of local Abenaki) requested from Fred Cook the use Town Green for winter games 2/23 (no use of buildings). Free, community-invited event. The SB supports such usage, as long as general guidelines are followed to clean up site after event, no alcohol, no smoking. Delsie to send communication to Nate to clarify such stipulations and extend SB's support
- Process Excess Weight Permits: one

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

- Reminder to submit annual SB timesheets 2/17 meeting
- Information meeting on budget: Monday, February 24, 2020, 7pm
- Consistent cyber storage/back-up

Sign Orders

Bev made motion to sign orders; Bruce seconded the motion; unanimously passed.

Review Correspondence

Upcoming Events

Fred made motion to adjourn meeting, Bruce seconded; unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.