

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday February 6, 2017 5:30 pm**

**Present: Bev Ash, Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt, Steve Malinoski, Al Pfeiffer
Visitor: Hamilton Gillett, Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District**

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

Fred moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2017 Regular Meeting and the January 24, 2017 Special Meeting as corrected; Al seconded; passed.

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

- Hamilton Gillett, Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District -- attended the meeting to discuss the upcoming compost collection requirement which goes into effect in July. He noted that one potential composting collector has dropped out and suggested that West Fairlee contact Corinth Composting. Delsie will follow up on this. A date for a fall Big Trash collection in West Fairlee was discussed; and Gillett also distributed materials about paint recycling which is now broadly available; the program is funded through a fee on paint manufacturers. Gillett also stressed that West Fairlee should have a representative at quarterly meetings of the Waste District.

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries -

- Steve raised a couple of questions concerning electric and dam admin expenses. Delsie will seek clarification from Treasurer Joe MacPherson.

Roads

- Municipal General Permitting (MGP) guidelines deferred until 2020 -- Delsie circulated email correspondence from the Agency of Transportation stating that guidelines are probably not going to be implemented until 2020. This will give the Town more time to update our culvert inventory and make sure we don't have "hotspot" areas flagged by the State where we've already upgraded the size of the culverts in compliance with current Town Highway Codes and Standards.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement -

- Stray dog - Delsie got a phone call from the Vermont State Police who had picked up a dog that had chased his cruiser down Main Street. (Animal Control Officer John Peaveler is out of the country, so Delsie got the call.) Without a tip and her own investigation, she would have had to take the sweet dog to the Humane Society. The owner will get a warning letter about registering the dog. It is extremely important that all dogs be registered; tags are currently available from the Town Clerk.

Old Business

- Update: Trash Ordinance Enforcement, Bergholm property - Al - Since the certified letter was refused/not picked up, Al arranged for notification to be delivered by the Sheriff which was achieved on January 26th. The homeowner has 30 days to comply with clean-up before additional action is taken. The issue will be revisited at the March 6 meeting.
- Update: Community Building repair/insurance claim - Delsie - It looks like our insurance, PACIF, approved all of the taping and painting repairs. PACIF is now looking for "close-out" and will issue the final payment.

New Business

- Overweight permits - Bev processed the permit.

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

- Selectboard time sheets

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

Upcoming Events

- update/reminder schedule ARC for completion of thermostat installation
- Informational Meeting on Budget and Town Plan Tuesday February 28th at 7 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.