

Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday February 19, 2018 6 pm

Present: Delsie Hoyt, Chair; Bev Ash; Fred Cook; Steve Malinoski; Al Pfeiffer

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Motion: Al Pfeiffer moved to approve the Minutes of February 5, 2018 Regular Meeting; Fred Cook seconded; approved.

Roads

Delsie reported that the FY19 Annual Town Highway Financial documents have been received and will be put on agenda for the March 19th meeting following Town Meeting.

Concerning implementation of Municipal Roads General Permitting, Delsie updated the Board that the fee schedule is under reconsideration. The flat, per town fee may be changed to one based on road mileage; a change West Fairlee has championed as more equitable. Senator Jane Kitchel followed up concerning the outstanding DEC Lakes & Wetlands permit application. The Deputy Commissioner of DEC has instructed staff to collaborate on a “permit-able solution” to address safety issues on Middlebrook.

TRORC is hosting a Road Foreman’s Meeting February 27, 9:30 at District #4 (circulated earlier via email) re: future reporting of salt usage. Fred will attend and report back.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

Status: E911 re: Robinson Road -- Nina Schwartz was unable to attend the meeting, but this update is progressing. Al noted that there were inconsistencies in numbering on Beaver Meadow Road, which may also affect the upcoming Census. Nina will be asked to follow-up on this area next.

Status: Compliance with "public water supply" for Community Building – Steve reported that the State has reduced the types and number of monthly water tests and requested a revised application. An account needs to be set up with Endyne, the testing company; and a contract developed with Barry Lawson who will act as our “operator” for the testing schedule.

Old Business

A draft Memo of Understanding with West Fairlee Historical Society re: Bean Hall fundraising was reviewed and discussed. “Milestones” for semi-annual updates were discussed; integrating language from the WFHS work plan.

French Property Ordinance: A draft ordinance prohibiting motorized vehicles and mountain bikes in Brushwood's French Property was reviewed. A question was raised regarding the location of the current VAST trail. The issue will be investigated before proceeding further. It was noted that several other ordinances require updates to reflect new standards; -particularly

those related to roads, driveways and traffic. Delsie noted that Ordinance changes will have to be published in the newspaper of record; policies may be updated at any time.

Town Meeting/budget meeting prep: Mailing of the Town Report is on schedule with RC Brayshaw. All felt comfortable with presenting the budget at the informational meeting March 5th at 7 p.m.

New Business

Enrollment in VT Statewide Parcel Mapping Program: Our Tax Map contractor, CAI Technologies suggests that the Town participate in Phase III. They noted that the April 2018 update is well underway; by deferring, the Town will be able to draw the maximum available funds.

Selectboard annual timesheets were filled out and submitted to the Treasurer.

Broken window: Delsie reported that a window in the Food Shelf was broken by ice/snow. Handyman Joe Sampson has temporarily secured the window and will order and install a new pane.

Update: Senior & Affordable Housing meeting at Thetford: Delsie attended and reported back on programs and studies conducted in the region.

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

FY19 Annual Town Highway Financial documents

Update Dog Impoundment Fee

Motion: Bev Ash moved to sign the orders; Steve seconded; approved

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.