

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday February 20, 2017 5:30 pm**

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

Visitors: Janet Austin, Tom Cain (VT Appraisal Co.), Ted Nelson (VT Appraisal Co.), Brien Sargent, Peggy Willey

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

Bev moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented; Steve seconded; passed.

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

- Peggy Willey, Conservation Commission - Peggy discussed the program that Thetford and West Fairlee are doing together on amphibians in March; the "Big Night" is a community ecology event to assist amphibian migration. While the Selectboard was supportive of the program's objectives, it was the consensus that the liability risk was too high to make it a Town-sanctioned event. Peggy also requested an update concerning recent developments in the Town's plan to implement the composting requirement set to launch state-wide in July.

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries - As a follow-up to review of the financials at the previous meeting, the Selectboard reviewed and discussed the Treasurer's response the questions about electrical rates and allocation of dam-related expenses.

Roads - The annual grant paperwork has been received from AOT; decisions concerning summer projects and paving need to be firmed up and application made for any structure-related grants.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

Old Business

- Update: Community Building repair/insurance claim - Delsie reported that closeout paperwork and final payment request is in process.

New Business

- Compost collection requirement - As recommended by GUVSW, Delsie talked to Bob Sandberg of Corinth Compost about setting up a system for collection of resident's compost at the recycling/"fast trash" site. He understands that we are low volume, and will provide the totes. Details will be firmed up later this spring; the program must be in place by July.

- Discussion re: augmenting Vermont Appraisal Company contract - Tom Cain & Ted Nelson, representing Vermont Appraisal Company, attended the meeting to answer questions about expanding the 2017 contract for assessor services. Janet Austin, our only active, experienced Lister, has agreed to stay on through April when the Grand List is lodged. Brien Sargent was elected last year, but has not yet received training from Property Valuation and Review. Delsie noted that there is a steep and lengthy learning curve for the position, and the additional assistance is necessary to maintain the Grand List.

- Census - Al reported on his research concerning recent Census correspondence. He noted that the E911 addresses in some areas of Town still need to be revised; and outlined census procedure and the timeframe preparations for the 2020 Census. Al noted that Census data affects a variety of Federal grant programs at the State and local level.

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

- Selectboard time sheets - Were filled out and turned in.
- Trash ordinance enforcement - Bergholm - For next meeting.

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

Upcoming Events

- update/reminder schedule ARC for completion of thermostat installation
- Compost Workshop: Thursday June 15, 2017 5:30-7p.m. Westshire School

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.