

Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2020 6pm

Present: Bev Ash, *Fred Cook, *Bruce Durkee, Delsie Hoyt, *Steve Malinoski

Clerk: *Nina Schwartz (*in attendance via Zoom video/tele-conference)

The meeting was called to order by Delsie Hoyt at 6:00 pm from the "public location" of the Community Building.

Special thanks to Fred Cook and Patricia Ayres Crawford for their assistance to coordinate Zoom meeting.

Minutes of the March 16th meeting and March 30th special meeting were reviewed. Bruce made motion to approve minutes, as noted, Steve seconded; unanimously approved.

Organizational

- Notice of Vacancy for unfilled elected positions/appointments: list reviewed as shared earlier via email to SB
- Discussion had to leave David Roth on slate for Tri-Town Commission, unless otherwise advised by David
- Library Trustees: would like to have a person with school-aged children join to provide different perspective/insight
- Fred made motion to approve 2020 slate as noted, Steve seconded; unanimously approved

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

- Conservation Commission, re: Natural Resources Inventory: reviewed contract as received by Arrowwood Environmental. Bev made motion to approve and sign contract as noted, Fred seconded; approved

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries

- Reminder to document any response-related expenses
- VLCT guidance re: off-budget response-related expenses (can/can't do's) – circulated via email prior to meeting and briefly reviewed during meeting for any questions/concerns; none

Roads/Land

- VTrans grant package and Class II Road grant: deadline extended to May 15th, deferred
- Buck Hill Rd ROW trimming and reset of GMP power line: underway
 - Delsie requested from Kevin @ GMP copy of new agreement, which was circulated to SB prior to meeting via email. Agreement states cost of tree trimming will be split 50/50 between GMP and town
 - Steve made motion to accept and approve agreement, as noted, Fred seconded; approved
- GMP proposal to reset ~ 5 power poles into ROW on Bloodbrook Rd:
 - Fred recalls this was supposed to have been done in the past, and did not happen
 - Tree status of intended area of concern and needs to be assessed
 - Burying lines there is also of concern, as not an ideal segment
 - Fred would like to walk area w/GMP to get more details
- Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP): submitted by Delsie, just states inventory project
- Summer project planning: grant In Aid/Class II Road grants, pending

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- COVID-19 response:
 - Emergency successors for SB: Al Pfeiffer & Grover Boutin willing to fill such role, if needed
 - Volunteer and vulnerable populations information hub coordinated by Baccei's; ongoing effort to identify any residents in need
 - Some seasonal residences have been reoccupied during this time. Delsie (as Health Officer) has dropped off information about self-quarantining and resources available, if needed. Certain residents have complied with self-quarantining, while others have not

Old Business

New Business

- Liquor license renewal request - B&B Cash Market: no changes. Steve made motion to approved and sign, Bev seconded; approved
- Grounds maintenance contract renewal - Hodge's Property Service: per hour/per mowing fee is the same, with slight variation for different equipment needed, as/when needed. Bruce made motion to approve and sign as noted, Steve seconded; unanimously approved
- Illegal dumping 2750 Rte 244:
 - Property in foreclosure and currently owned by a property company in Texas
 - VSP and TPD already notified
 - VT DEC enforcement needed, to be notified
- Concerns on property on Rte 113 (not from tenant) re: health conditions/children on premises. Delsie to contact property owner, who has been responsive in the past
- Solar array proposal: (behind the current solar array on West Fairlee Rd.)
 - Existing solar array needs to have planting/screening completed. To be inquired on, as that was a prior concern
 - Delsie suggests Planning Commission review new array request for assessment
 - More information to follow
- Process Excess Weight Permits: multiple received
- Town roads not open to ATV travel until May 1st, with thanks to Westshire ATV club for making mention of this information

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

Sign Orders

Orders reviewed and signed by Delsie and Steve, as agreed at the last meeting (through the end of May).

Review Correspondence

Upcoming Events

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