

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2017 6pm**

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

Clerk: Nina Schwartz

Visitors: Bruce Durkee

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Minutes of the April 3, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed and corrected. Fred moved to approve, as corrected; Steve seconded; passed.

Organizational

- Committees and commissions: in preparation of Town Plan, Al Pfeiffer is working on updating and making some minor changes to the formatting for continuous improvement.
- Bev Ash re-sworn in as Selectboard member.

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

Financial

- Tax/Revenue Anticipation Note (TAN): Treasurer has obtained from Merchants Bank the TAN in forecast of a budgetary deficit for May-June. Delsie reviewed the note, the resolution form and tax certificate form. Steve moved to approve and sign these three documents; Fred seconded; passed.

Roads/Land

- VTrans garage property lease is up for a ten year renewal. Will be reviewed and voted at next meeting
- The SB has received an offer on a pre-buy for road sand. Delsie not sure on such practice in other towns and the Board discussed the pro, cons and concerns to engage in such a purchase. Steve, Al and Bev voiced their hesitation to support at this time.
- Bruce Durkee/Westshire ATV club: last year the club trimmed brush back to fill stone on Robinson Hill Rd., on the Middlebrook side. Agreement with club of partial reimbursement of stone from VASA and partial contribution for stone from Town. Bruce Durkee asking for estimate on the cost of the stone. Delsie suggested future discussion (next meeting) with Jonathan on intentions and planning on this subject for the summer. Bruce offered the club's help and support to the Town in any way needed.
- Linda Baccei spoke to Al Pfeiffer re: her neighbor wanting to cut trees along the side of the road (part of erosion 'hot spot') and voiced concern about their right to do so. Delsie clarified that as property owners, they have that right and the Selectboard cannot interfere. Further, logging/forestry issues do not fall under the Selectboard's jurisdiction. Al referred her to VT Department of Environmental Conservation.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Trash ordinance enforcement/ticketing: Steve spoke with the Sheriff's Department and there was some ambiguity with the criminal and civil rights to ticket. Bev will continue to work on pursuing enforcement and to finding out/taking appropriate action to proceed.

- Animal control:
 - Second warning re: roaming Mill St. chickens.
 - John Peaveler (Animal Control Officer) received certification on large animal extrication. Fire Department informed should this ever be an issue.
- Update Local Emergency Operation Plan: Al is working on this.

Old Business

- Vermont Appraisal Company 2017 contract renewal: still pending; deferred.

New Business

- Application for renewal for liquor/tobacco license Green Mtn. Groceries (B&B Market). Bev made motion to approve; Steve seconded; approved.
- Annual update/review Fraud Policy: Reviewed and no changes to be made – will be posted for public access/review.
- Inquiry from Property Valuation Review - Treasure Island: Delsie explained circumstance and history on appropriate taxes. Al suggested notation be made on assessment card regarding this issue for future reference.
- Bev made motion to sign orders, Al seconded; passed.

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

Upcoming Events

- Compost Workshop Thursday June 15, 2017 5:30-7 Westshire Elementary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm