

**Approved Minutes  
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, May 1, 2017 6pm**

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

**Clerk: Nina Schwartz**

**Visitors: Erin Schantz-Hilton**

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Minutes of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed and corrected. Al Pfeiffer moved to approve, as corrected; Bev Ash seconded; passed.

**Organizational**

- Zoning/Board of Adjustment: John Benjamin is looking three positions to be filled.
- Planning Commission survey: waiting on mailing list and final print date from the printer.

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

- Erin Schantz-Hilton lives on Blood Brook Rd (near Marsh Hill Rd) – has concerns about safety with vehicular accidents (several have occurred). Suggested possible use of (removable) speed bumps to make safer. The issue mainly is local, neighborhood traffic traveling that area. The Board has concerns about maintenance, liability and complaints from other local residents with using speed bumps. Delsie recommended alerting the Orange County Sherriff for enforcement and possible placement of speed or caution/curve sign near the area in question.

**Financial**

- March electrical bill (extra 1,000 Kwh usage): Steve Malinoski spoke with Green Mountain Power regarding past electrical usage vs. March bill in question. It is believed that based on past temperature and number of days in the billing cycle, the electric bill/usage is in line, although the Board still has some uncertainty. It was decided to wait on April's bill and see how it compares to see if further investigation/action is needed.
- Annual audit: Delsie trying to coordinate meeting on May 15th with Sullivan and Powers.

**Roads/Land**

- Pending driveway access approvals: Steve is continuing to work on.
- Robinson Hill (off Middlebrook Rd) erosion control hotspot – pending estimate from Johnathan.
- Review/approve ten year lease renewal for WF VTrans garage/salt shed property. Bev made motion to approve; Steve seconded; passed.

**Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement**

- Trash ordinance enforcement/ticketing/Bergholm property: Bev went to the Orange County Sheriff's office to seek further clarification on enforcement/ticketing. She was told we do not have the legal right to write tickets, the Sherriff's office must issue them. Information is conflicting to previous information provided. Delsie to contact the VLCT for further assistance/clarification.
- Local Emergency Operation Plan: update almost complete; to be continued with next meeting.

### **Old Business**

- Vermont Appraisal Company 2017 contract renewal: still pending.
- Janet Austin has officially submitted resignation as Lister. Position needs to be filled.
- Community building septic update: Tilden Electric reminded Johnathan the wiring system for the pump station runs over the septic pipe; estimate to rewire/correct is \$1,200 (additional to the \$3,000 estimate for digging out/replacing the pipe). Alternative solution to remedy is to remove the tree stump (\$520) and call in contractor to remove any remaining roots in pipe with water jet; estimate to complete \$600. Fence in the back will need to be replaced, but existing fence may be shortened and repurposed. Discussion to have septic camera brought in to check to ensure of no other clogs. Delsie to inquire on cost of bringing in a septic camera.

### **New Business**

- Joe McPherson (Treasurer) working on Workers' Comp information; audit is upcoming. Delsie to ask if he will take on ensuring WC conformance with non-employee/vendor work agreements.
- Treasurer hours: Question raised as to the posting on Community Building sign the Treasurer's hours. Hours are as needed and any inquiries regarding further/specific details to be directed to contact Joe directly; he is very responsive to inquiries on a regular basis.

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

- Gravel from plowing is piled up in the back of the Community Building: to be soon graded/cleaned up.
- Gravel/dirt coming down from Robinson Rd. to Mill St. Delsie to have Johnathan take a look to ensure drainage working properly down Robinson Rd. to Mill St.

### **Sign Orders**

- Bev made motion to sign orders; Al seconded; passed.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Green Up event: Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - Westshire ATV club to assist with picking up collected trash.
- Compost Workshop Thursday June 15, 2017 5:30-7 Westshire Elementary.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm