

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2019 6pm**

Present: Beverly Jo Ash, Fred Cook, Bruce Durkee, Delsie Hoyt, Steve Malinoski

Clerk: Nina Schwartz

Visitors: Calvin Hutchinson

The meeting was called to order by Delsie Hoyt at 6:00 pm.

Minutes of the April 15th regular meeting were reviewed. Bruce made motion to approve minutes, as corrected of that meeting, Steve seconded; approved. Minutes of the April 22nd special meeting were reviewed. Bruce made motion to approve minutes, as noted, Fred seconded; approved.

Organizational

- Conservation Commission: Request from Guy Wilson to join commission. Bev made motion to accept request, Fred seconded; approved
- GUVSWD: town representative still needed for quarterly meetings

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

- Calvin Hutchinson: property issue, claims a discrepancy on his deed with property line. SB has directed Mr. Hutchinson to investigate further with the State as such matters are out of the SB's control
- Conservation Commission:
 - Green-Up Day highly successful; special thanks to Peggy Willey for her hard work organizing such a successful event, to Quinttown Container Services for generously donating their services once again, and to the Westshire ATV Club for their continuous efforts and assistance
 - Brushwood Forest grant/easement: required paperwork/proposal submitted, land owner vacillating. UVLT suggests moving forward with submitting grant and allow time for all parties to contemplate and see about results prior to grants-making by VT Housing and Conservation Board in mid-June
- Lister:
 - Grand List: abstract to be lodged June 3rd with informational session scheduled for June 15th, and grievances scheduled for June 17th
 - Board of Abatement hearing postponed. Decided property owner best to present his proposal for abatement first to the Listers before any hearings held
- Tri-Town Commission: proposed downsize for Lake Fairlee Dam. Discussion had and it was mutually felt two members best to remain on the Commission, but it will need to be addressed by the TTC first, when requested

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries

- Observation made on YTD spend for Lister but recognition that additional time has yielded further corrections and accuracy of Grand List

Roads/Land

- State road salt bid: State has requested tonnage needs from each town for information
- Summer projects/paving:
 - Rita Seto making sight visit with tech tomorrow to assess Scrabble Hollow and Manley Hill Roads, as previously mentioned

- Middlebrook Rd/ Jonathan Blake, reclaim culvert. Shim and topcoat in between road near Cray's. Get estimates from Blak Top, Pike and Springfield Paving
- Larry Godfrey requested to retrieve his excavator from Manley Hill; land is all dry and the SB does not object
- Discontinuance of Preserve Rd./Tebbitts North Rd.: Delsie spoke with Dept. of Forest and Parks; sending report to Barre for review

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Speed enforcement collaboration with Thetford: Delsie waiting to schedule meeting between Thetford SB and Thetford Police Chief to iron out contract language
- Public water supply/compliance process for Community Building: Steve to contact Alliance to follow up on status. Delsie in touch w/Bank with provided financials, Town warning. 2017 Town audit needed; in process. Updates expected for next meeting

Old Business

- Disposition of tax sale properties:
 - Beanville property: Steve relays abutting property owner not in agreement with the 60 day condition for property clean up, wants one year. Delsie spoke with him today to clarify that trash/junk needed to be cleared roadside, not so much what's up at the hill. The SB agrees granting 90 days for road frontage cleanup is fair and will communicate such proposal to property owner
 - King Hill property: proceed with plans to put up for sale
- Revising town website: preparations ongoing, further action deferred
- Bean Hall: roof leak. Randall Hoyt of Tunbridge – Delsie has called several times and not heard back. Seeking suggestions for alternative contractors

New Business

- Community Building:
 - Septic System: investigation into factors contributing to backup: Is front tank still in use? Perimeter drain plans? Connected to septic system? Needs to be checked, Steve and Bruce will investigate further this week. Septic company to be called in to investigate with camera
 - Grant opportunity for meeting/activity room: After School grant not approved. Other matching grant with small family foundation pending
- Renewal VT Appraisal Co. assessment contract: pending
- Excess Weight Permits: Bev advises there are seven (7) to process

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

Sign Orders

Bev made motion to sign orders; Steve seconded the motion; unanimously passed.

Review Correspondence

Upcoming Events

- Composting Workshop: May 16th, 6-8pm, Community Building

Bev made motion to adjourn meeting, Fred seconded; unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.