

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday June 6, 2016**

**Present: Bev Ash, Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt, Steve Malinoski, Al Pfeiffer
Visitors: Jenn Shatney, Bonnie Cray, Jim McDade, Doug Sonsalla**

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

Bev moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2016 regular meeting as corrected; Steve seconded; passed.

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

Members of the Bean Hall Study Committee joined the meeting at 6 p.m. to provide a status report on their work to date. Jenn Shatney took the lead in compiling a wide range of information about the building including ways in which other smallish towns operate and fund town-owned properties. The Committee now wishes to pursue a feasibility study; to talk with small businesses about their needs in terms of traffic, patronage, and space. The committee will also be contacting VT Historic Preservation to see what initial renovations would be needed to make the building eligible for grants.

Update Tri-Town Lake Fairlee Dam Committee: Steve/Fred – The most recent Tri-Town meeting was postponed. Steve reported that the project is progressing on, or perhaps a bit ahead, of schedule.

Planning Commission: prep for joint meeting June 13: Al -

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries

Roads

Bid opening Wild Hill re-paving – The bids from BlakTop and Springfield Paving were examined and discussed. Fred moved to accept the bid from low bidder BlakTop; Steve seconded; passed.

Discussion re: rip-rap material for Robinson Hill hotspot – Deferred.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

Approve overweight permits - Fred moved to approve the overweight permits; Steve seconded; passed.

Old Business

Update Worker's Comp Audit re: challenge of increase – The Town challenged the increase for the Workers' Comp which was related to the provision of “essential highway maintenance services” – contracted services like roadside mowing or grading. Hoyt noted that under State law, contractors without employees do not have to carry Worker's Compensation (they must, however, have adequate liability insurance) The increase was a change in company policy by insurer PACIF. However, by separating labor from machine time, the increase will be just 20% of what they had initially been assessed.

Status: annual appointments for town offices/committees/commissions – No additional appointments at this time.

Follow-up re: illegal dumping on Rt. 244 – Bev - Deferred.

Update re: mowing of Southworth Park – Billy will take a look at it, but seems amenable to doing it.

Resolve commuter/day care parking/drop-off issues – The Tree Warden looked at the trees around the playground that Sheila was concerned about, and determined that they are all on Austin land and hang over the fence. There does not seem to be any imminent danger. They are not our liability, but if they are concerned they could move the playground (losing the shade in the process). Signage for the parking area will be ordered.

New Business

Update/discussion re: septic pump station failure and replacement – The new pump station tank is in and should be wired tomorrow. Fortunately, there are adequate funds in the Community Building Capital Fund to cover this expense. However, with replacement of furnace system earlier this year, other improvements will have to wait for the next budget cycle.

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

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Municipal Planning Grant (July?)

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.