

Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, July 3, 2017 6pm

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

Clerk: Nina Schwartz

Visitors:

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

Minutes of the June 19, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. Bev Ash made a motion to approve the minutes, as recorded; Fred Cook seconded the motion; passed.

Organizational

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

- Health Officer: Delsie Hoyt, as the Health Officer is working to resolving a pending issue on a health order on a rental property; will revisit on 7/12 to ensure compliance.
- Update Tri-Town Commission meeting:
 - Lake Fairlee Dam:
 - Steve concerned about additional \$17k to D&K for engineering for power across the dam. Some clarification requested about the expenditures of this money; clarification made for emails, site visits and discussions with homeowners.
 - Electrical RFP now out – \$6k budgeted. Steve to be reviewing once submitted.
 - Dedication of the dam to be foregone due to lack of interest, budgetary concerns and limited/restricted access to the actual dam.
 - Spillway control - who maintains the water level? Tri-Town Commission feels the decision is not theirs. Tri-Town to speak with the hydrologist on who would adequately be qualified/trained to control the spillway. No timeline established for a determination. Delsie commented that the State should also be consulted on this. Steve to continue with updates.
 - Discussion regarding upcoming payment (budgeted) to D&K of remaining debt for this project (interest free), and to give James Dixon authority to sign promissory note (in process) to D&K for expediency. The Board unanimously agreed to allow James Dixon to sign. Steve will follow up with Treasurer concerning deadlines.
 - Geer Dam removal:
 - Al Pfeifer reported no new issues.
 - Permit requirements to be written up and signed.
- Request to facilitate Governor's appointment of Justice of Peace: Cleo Kearns past JP would like re-appointment to vacant position. Has requested reappointment from the Governor and has asked the Board if they would recommend appointing her. Steve made motion to support, Al seconded; approved.

Financial

- Mid-year review of Treasurer's financial statements/journal entries:
 - Fuel savings was possibly underestimated, but depends on current status of storage.
 - Electrical at budget for the year, at midpoint.

- Stone/gravel expenses needs to be reviewed, expenses for this YTD seems low. Possibly (partially) mis-categorized with sand/salt expenses.

Roads/Land

- Storm assessment and plan:
 - Beaver Meadow Rd: Delsie took pictures of damage. Mike Blakeslee from District 4 to come by week-end to assess site. Patrick Ross (stream engineer) to also assess.
- VTrans Structures Grant agreement: received, being processed. Delsie reviewed details with the Board, and made a motion to accept and be bound by the terms and conditions. Steve seconded; passed.
- Pending driveway access approvals: still pending.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Trash ordinance enforcement/ticketing/Bergholm property: still pending.
 - The Board agreed to continue forward to work with the court with ticketing.
 - Carl Mitchell at the State to be contacted to pursue this issue.
 - Town ordinance to be reviewed for possible future revisions/improvements.
- TwoRivers traffic study: Al Pfeifer to follow up on requirements to initiate/inquire on process.
- Community building/property maintenance: Joe Sampson gave estimate of \$721 (\$560 labor/\$161 material) to wash building and address repair/replacement of fence and lock. Steve made motion to approve such work; Al seconded; approved.

Old Business

- Initiating compost services: Delsie handed out fliers, most people she spoke with seem to be composting at home to some degree.
- Lighting upgrade to Lister/Selectboard office: still pending with Tilden Electric.
- Renewal of Creative Spirit lease: Sheila amenable to signing \$50 monthly increase.

New Business

- Request re: Southworth Park: wants to camp overnight. The Board to agree to allow it on a one time basis.
- Rabbits in West Fairlee: any issues/concerns needs to be directed to the Dept. of Agriculture.

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

- Upcoming review of tax rate.

Sign Orders

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

Bev made motion to adjourn meeting, Fred seconded; passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.