

**Approved Minutes  
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, July 6, 2020 6pm**

**Present:** Beverly Jo Ash, Fred Cook (\*via Zoom), Bruce Durkee, Delsie Hoyt, Steve Malinoski  
**Clerk:** Nina Schwartz

The meeting was called to order by Delsie Hoyt at 6pm from Town Office via Zoom video/tele-conference.

Minutes of the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Steve made motion to approve minutes as amended, Bruce seconded; unanimously approved.

### **Organizational**

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

- Conservation Commission: doing Buckthorn remediation on French property (Brushwood Forest). Marcus Bradley doing work, approximately \$500, to be paid from the Brushwood Fund
- Brushwood gate replacement: comment by Russell Barnes (timber stand improvement). Not clear if he's speaking of gate by French property. Bruce and Steve to make site visit and assess

#### **Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries**

#### **Roads/Land**

- Paving options on Middlebrook Rd.: Jonathan has assessed and discussion was had on options and pain points; waiting for estimates to decide
- Request for line striping on Blood Brook Rd.:
  - Complaints received that non-residents/local visitors are not clear which side of the road to drive, both on asphalt and dirt road portions (local Airbnb guests-?)
  - State pays for line striping on Class 2 roads, not Class 3; would be expense to the town
  - Discussion followed and SB unanimously not in support
  - Delsie to send letter to Airbnb property owners, asking them to notify guests the nature of New England country roads and safe driving practices
- ROW parking on Austin Rd:
  - Complaint received, offender likely a resident
  - Town has ROW ordinance
  - Friendly reminder letter to be sent to make parties involved of ordinance details
- 2019-20 Grant In Aid project/Bear Notch Rd.: nothing new, Delsie to get some paperwork to Jonathan. Doug Stone to continue with grading on Bear Notch Rd. to trailhead on behalf of Westshire ATV Club (they are insured)

#### **Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement**

- COVID-19 response:
  - No new reported unmet needs
  - Tuesday Noon Group: moved to Food Shelf, number of participants is holding steady
- Community Building water supply:
  - Previously 5% bleach required (standard), change to 12.5%. Manual needs to be updated to reflect that

- Steve to request 6-month bill from water operator
- Water usage significantly higher this month (5,700 gallons), normally approx. 2,000 gallons per month (over last 2-3 months, average). Will be monitored
- Delsie sent message to Thetford Police Chief that town signage for speed is now updated/complete to allow them to proceed with enforcement

### **Old Business**

- Compliance with food scrap collection:
  - Delsie to check w/Jonathan Blake about appropriate placement for collection vessel to not interfere with plowing/winter access
  - Wood chip pile in back, might be useful and good location alongside-?
  - 3-5' high culvert or well tile are good suggestions to use for food scrap collection
- Illegal dumping 2750 Rte 244 (Ordinance and DEC enforcement): authorities are in the process of contracting for cleanup; just very slow moving
- Workforce Housing Task Force w/Fairlee & Thetford:
  - Twin Pines Housing Trust actively working independently at this time with each town
  - WF recommended trailer park on Georges Way, which is privately owned; property owner up to date
  - Other possible recommended sites: B&B Cash Market building – 3 units, former laundromat (on Beanville Rd)
- EC Fiber Board representative: pending, no further action taken to date

### **New Business**

- Voting process for Primary and Presidential Election: circulation via email
- Excess Weight Permits: none
- Tri-Town Commission:
  - Meeting scheduled for last week, not enough for quorum; cancelled. Trying to reschedule
  - Discussion on reducing number of reps from each town; collectively agreed minimum of 2 reps would be ideal; no less
- Grand list has increased by \$1,091,500 through consistent, thorough maintenance. Over \$400k from solar array. Outstanding job by Town Lister
- Fire Dept Annual Chicken BBQ: to be drive through, August 1<sup>st</sup>; logistics being worked out
- Cemetery Commission: fencing to be completed this week
- Community Building garden: thank you to Peggy Burden for her work and efforts (with Delsie) to clean garden area. Discussion followed on options to make/purchase a bench to put there and concerns about theft

### **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 approved. Delsie commented Treasurer made adjustment due to Vermont Appraisal, as previously agreed, and is noted accordingly.

#### **Review Correspondence**

#### **Upcoming Events**

Bev made motion to adjourn meeting, Bruce seconded; unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.