

**Approved Minutes  
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, July 15, 2019 6pm**

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

**Clerk:** Nina Schwartz

**Visitors:**

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

Minutes of the July 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting were reviewed. Bev made motion to approve minutes, as noted, Steve seconded; approved.

### **Organizational**

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

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

### **Roads/Land**

- Better Back Roads grant: final invoice from TRORC received, project complete. Culvert Inventory and Road Erosion Report on its way over per Rita Seto
- Grant In Aid projects: Rita Seto to make site visit Monday, 7/22 8am for Manley Hill culvert and Scrabble Hollow Rd area

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

- ATV Ordinance: draft of revisions shared and reviewed by SB members. Bev made motion to accept revisions made to; Steve seconded; unanimously approved. To be posted in Journal Opinion, Town Clerk's office, B&B Market
- Complaint/investigation concerning dogs by ACO: Nate Guyer, ACO, acted promptly and was highly communicative. 6 adult dogs/10 puppies involved. One seized as was wounded, and loose. Being boarded by ACO. ACO requires situation to be remedied and dogs to be registered w/in 2 wks
- TRORC draft of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan: Delsie shared with SB members via email and asks for review/comments so she can update/share with Peter Fellows
- Rental Housing Advisory Boards (RHAB): manages state's Rental Housing Health Code enforcement system. Asking for towns' assistance with initiative to work with Dept. of Health and Dept. of Public Safety in submitting data collected by Health Officer during inspections to be passed along for further assistance/more qualified resources
- Dept. of Public Service Microcell Service repeater survey: needs to be responded to. Are towns willing to pay (\$1,800 each) to install? Unable to answer as it depends where are intended installations-?

### **Old Business**

- Progress report/efforts to expand high-speed internet: John Benjamin has tried to contact Topsham Communication-unresponsive. Next step to possibly look into EC Fiber. SB unanimously agreed to do so.
- Property sales: Beanville Rd property - ongoing
- Revising town website: preparations ongoing, further action deferred
- Water source protection system/Alliance contract for Community Building: pending

- Bean Hall roof leak and estimate for Community Building cupola repair: pending estimate from Jim Morrell – ongoing

### **New Business**

- Set 2019 Town property tax rate and approve Treasurer’s Warrant:
  - Increase less than a penny, CLA (common level of appraisal) 98.4
  - Steve Malinoski moved that the Selectboard set the 2019 Town Tax Rate at .8211 per \$100 of assessed property value, which computes to a total Non-residential Tax Rate of 2.4404 or a Homestead Tax rate for 2.6885; Fred Cook seconded unanimously approved
  - Beverly Jo Ash made a motion to sign the Tax Warrant due by taxpayers by October 17, 2019 as noted; Bruce Durkee seconded; approved unanimously
- Creative Spirit lease review/renewal: Discussion had, unanimous agreement to make no changes to current rate; \$1225 month, which does reflect increase for shared usage of room downstairs
- Replace/secure mailbox: Bruce to look at later this week and assess scope of damage/repair
- Excess weight permits: none

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

- Sincerbeaux update assessment-Bean Hall: Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 9am
- Ely Mine Clean-Up: EPA Project Manager to attend August 19<sup>th</sup> SB meeting to share update

### **Sign Orders**

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

### **Review Correspondence**

### **Upcoming Events**

- Route 244 road closure/bridge replacement, delayed until August 9-12<sup>th</sup>
- VT Emergency Management Conference, Lake Morey Resort - Sept 6-7<sup>th</sup>

Bev made motion to adjourn meeting, Steve seconded; unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.