

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday July 20, 2015**

**Present: Bev Ash, Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt, Al Pfeiffer, Steve Malinoski
Visitor: John Blake**

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

Fred moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 Regular Meeting; Steve seconded; passed.

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries (1st mtg. of month)

- The financials for the first six months were reviewed and discussed, and one journal entry was examined and approved.

Roads

- Audit – Agency of Transportation will begin to audit our current and past grants; this is a new state-wide procedure. Included are Crossroad bridge and paving on Beanville and Wild Hill. They will get back to us on identifying the third grant which does not line up with any ID numbers in the files.

- Water Quality – Delsie forwarded along an email from Peggy talking about the implementation of the water quality bill; Jim Ryan will be our contact overseeing implementation on some of the gravel roads. Delsie noted that the "new" standards are pretty much identical to the Highway Codes and Standards towns have been implementing for several years.

- Paving/reclamation plan for Wild Hill/ bidding – Jonathan Blake will be contacting Allstate (the reclaimer), and he and Allan Rowell will start coordinating that with culvert replacement in the same area.

- Brown Road: discussion of discontinuance/gate – Delsie and Fred have both tried unsuccessfully to contact Richter; Fred noted the gate is currently unlocked, but needs to be taken down. John Blake emphasized that the illegal gate prevents him from accessing all of his property. The Selectboard will write a letter to try to get action.

- Culvert issues – The culvert at the end of Austin Road is plugged, and needs work. Also, there's a new beaver dam on Middlebrook, near their usual spot. Kidderhood and Jennings Road need work after last night's storm.

- Crack seal from Nicom – Time to schedule. Recommended practice by VT Local Roads is to focus on maintaining best or newer asphalt -- they will start on Wild Hill and Beanville, and see what else they can get done in the budgeted two days.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Trash Ordinance enforcement, Beanville Road – Bev reported this is still in progress.

- Delinquent dog list/ dog warden job description – We need an update from the Town Clerk and get underway with notifications,

Old Business

- Reschedule meeting to set tax rate? - Due to vacation/scheduling conflicts, Steve moved to reschedule the special meeting to set the tax rate to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 29 instead of Monday July 27; Bev seconded; passed.

- Status: Charter/Treasurer search – The ads went into the Valley News, and will be out in the JO, Vermont Labor and Business Valley News, and on the website with the job

description; it has an August 3rd deadline. Interviews will be scheduled for shortly thereafter.

- EC Fiber bundled services – Al reported his findings; it sounds like a good deal, and may be a savings for the Library as well. They'll send the forms to Tracy's email, and it should take 5-10 days from when they get the work order.
- Planning Commission membership – Nothing so far.

New Business

- Lake Fairlee Dam Replacement

Action Item: Endorse appointment of Brian Hansen as Owner Representative – Steve moved to endorse the appointment of Brian Hansen as Owner Representative to deal with the contractors; Al seconded; passed. All of the deed work is done; the three towns now own a dam.

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

Bev moved to sign orders; Al seconded; passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.