

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday August 3, 2015**

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

Visitor: John Boutin, Peggy Willey

The meeting was called to Order 5:30 p.m.

Bev moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 Regular Meeting with minor corrections; Steve seconded; passed.

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

- Conservation Commission re: old farm dump – The Conservation Commission has been looking into cleaning up the old dump behind Westshire School, consisting of old vehicles, appliances, and trash, and are ready to move forward. It is on school property behind the playing field and tempting to kids, so potentially a hazard. They have gotten the go-ahead from State to remove items from the surface, but no digging or fill is allowed because of the proximity to the river. The Board expressed several reservations about the project, but after further discussion, including the fact that this was a special case being on school property and a potential hazard, Al moved to approve the clean-up for an amount not to exceed \$1,500 to do the job; Steve seconded; passed.

- The Conservation Commission brought their slate of officers for approval: Co-chairs Peggy Willey and John Boutin, Secretary Ann Stephens, Treasurer Rebecca Wurdak. Bev moved to approve the slate; Steve seconded; passed.

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries (1st mtg. of month) – The current financials were discussed; one journal entry corrects where the charge for the tax map maintenance (Cartographic) was put on the internet and website line back in January when NMRC first started doing our books. It was discussed and approved.

Roads

- State salt bid – Cargill was the only bidder; the price for District 4 is \$86.03. The Town will have to follow up with Cargill and Barrett to lock in this amount.

- AOT audit of recent contracts and grants – This still needs followup regarding one unidentified grant.

- Implementation of water quality bill – This was discussed with the Conservation Commission, and it was noted that the “new” standards have been essentially unchanged since 2011, and we have been implementing them through the Town Road and Bridge Standards. Last year's work on Wild Hill was brought up as an example. Copies of the Road and Bridge Standards were distributed.

- Reclamation/culvert replacement Wild Hill – This project will be getting under way shortly; band for the culverts are in.

- Brown Road: gate removal discontinuance – Delsie drafted a letter but hasn't sent it yet; Richter's phone no longer forwards to Hanover.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Trash Ordinance enforcement, Beanville Road – Bev brought in a letter she pulled off the computer, and it was discussed; it was decided that the trash to be removed needed to be specified in detail.

- Delinquent dog list/ - John has been invited to come talk to the Selectboard, possibly next meeting.

Old Business

- Update: Treasurer search/interviews – We have our first interview for a Treasurer candidate on Tuesday, and our second on Wednesday; after the interview on Wednesday, the committee will deliberate to come up with a recommendation for the Selectboard. They are both good candidates.
- EC Fiber bundled services – Staci received the paperwork, and things are moving.
- Planning Commission membership – A few people were discussed who might be interested.

New Business

- Update: Lake Fairlee Dam Replacement – The project is on hold, and at this point will not get underway until next summer. The Tri-Town Commission is organizing and will take up the rebidding of the project and other logistical planning from this point. Currently, Fred Cook and Steve Malinoski represent the Town on the Commission.
- Set 2015 tax rate/ sign Treasurer's Warrant for property taxes – Fred moved that the Selectboard set the 2015 Town Tax Rate at .8082 per \$100 of assessed property value which computes to a total Non-resident Tax Rate of 2.3375 or a total Homestead (Resident) Tax Rate of 2.5654; Steve seconded; passed. Steve moved to sign the Treasurer's Warrant; Bev seconded; passed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.