

**Approved Minutes  
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, August 5, 2019 6pm**

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

**Clerk:** Nina Schwartz

**Visitors:** David Gibeau, Peter Moore, Jenn Shatney

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

Minutes of the July 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were reviewed. Bev made motion to approve minutes, as noted, Bruce seconded; approved.

### **Organizational**

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

- David Gibeau: requests permission to remove 4 spruce trees along Church/Town property line on green so Church can create amphitheatre seating with foundation stone. Tree Warden Fred Cook agrees that spruce should be cut. The SB fully supports the effort and thanks David for those involved in such beautification efforts. Steve made motion to approve request, Bev seconded; unanimously approved
- Jenn Shatney: West Fairlee Fall Fling (formerly Old Home Days) – seeking feedback from SB on possibility of fireworks display. The SB expressed multiple concerns with liability and the green being an inadequate, safe space to hold such event and prefers to seek alternative suggestions for events. Jenn welcomes input and advice for consideration by all

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

- Treasurer shared financials, tax revenue is starting to come in which supports the budget without need for borrowing. Bruce made motion to approval Treasurer's financial statement as noted, Steve seconded; approved

#### **Roads/Land**

- Grant In Aid award increased by \$1,200; approved projects - Beaver Meadow culvert approved; Bear Notch
- Middlebrook Rd pavement reclaim project: starting August 9<sup>th</sup> start. Road closures to be posted on the list serv. Detour through Blood Brook Rd
- New road signage has arrived. Delsie to work with Jonathan Blake for install
- Cargill reports salt quotes delayed, will be coming out soon
- Roadside mowing: Murdow Limlaw, contract the same as last year. Discussion had on possibly reducing mileage to do deeper mowing in certain areas. Bev made motion to approve and sign contract, as noted, Bruce seconded; approved

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

- Schedule of fees/fine procedures for ACO/update Dog Ordinance: draft of revisions reviewed and discussed by SB members. Delsie to share with ACO for final revisions before taking steps to update and adopt

## **Old Business**

- High-speed internet/cell service: info re: microcell repeaters on VT113; next steps re: ECFiber – Delsie wrote letter advising West Fairlee is interested in exploring other options and to be considered for future endeavors. Microcell repeaters turned off, business model failed. Survey is to inquire if there is interest by towns to rejuvenate project once again
- Tax sale properties: Beanville Rd property. Cleanup needed, SB to look into costs. Suggested contractors include Tim Ward, Larry Godfrey, Jonathan Blake
- Revising town website: preparations ongoing, further action deferred
- Water source protection system/Alliance contract for Community Building: Steve took all in attendance at meeting through a walkthrough of the work performed inside and outside of building and explained the work completed. Some questions were answered and everyone was thoroughly satisfied with the presentation. Special thanks to Steve for heading up this project
- The SB did a visual inspection of the exterior area in question to review needs for outdoor drainage to be addressed before winter
- Bean Hall roof leak and estimate for Community Building cupola repair: pending estimate from Jim Morrell

## **New Business**

- Creative Spirit lease review/renewal: deferred until 8/19
- Cemetery Commission: request made to approve quote and contract from Doolan Fence & Tree Company to replace fencing previously damaged. Bruce made motion to approve and sign, Bev seconded; approved
- PACIF Safety grant for emergency signage; up to \$2k awarded. The SB discussed money could be source from Grant Match Fund and replaced once grant money awarded
- Excess weight permits: none

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

- Ely Mine Clean-Up: EPA Project Manager to attend August 19<sup>th</sup> SB meeting to share update
- Review/approval of LHMP (?)

## **Sign Orders**

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

## **Review Correspondence**

District Forestry manager: big cut on Bear Notch Rd, approved under Current Use and Forest Management Plan. Start date not yet noted.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Household Hazardous Waste August 10, 9-1pm, Bradford Town Garage, Fairground Rd.
- Route 244 road closure/bridge replacement, delayed until August 16-19<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 7:30pm.