

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, August 7, 2017 6pm**

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

Clerk: Nina Schwartz

Visitors:

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

Minutes of the July 17, 2017 regular meeting and the special meeting July 24, 2017 were reviewed. Bev Ash made a motion to approve the minutes for both meetings, as recorded; Fred Cook seconded the motion; passed.

Organizational

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

- Town Health Officer: Delsie's term as Health Officer is expiring (3-year term). Involves health concerns and rental housing and interaction with the State. The position to be posted on the list serv for solicitations of recommendation.
- Geer Dam removal: John Benjamin reports work to start August 14, 2017. The project is being overseen by CT River Conservancy (formerly Watershed Council); as permitted by the Town.

Financial

- Bean Hall electrical usage: Delsie and Steve did some further investigation and found the main electrical breaker was turned on; no known reason why (previously off). To be kept an eye on.
- Delinquent taxes: recent letters sent out by delinquent tax collector advising tax sale imminent (to those affected) has generated an influx in receipt of delinquent taxes due and has helped with the Town with cash flow at this time of the year.

Roads/Land

- Grant In Aid Program: Delsie and Johnathan met with Rita Seto for pictures on the Robinson Hill project. Waiting on email notice to proceed from TRORC. Time limit is mid-late October.
- Storm assessment and plan/Beaver Meadow Rd washout: not enough damage for 'Schedule B' emergency repair expenses to qualify. The county is still waiting to hear from FEMA, if qualified, and further assess for the town.
- Pending driveway access approvals: Steve spoke with Mr. Morelli; has hired Chief Bogie Excavating with work to start in September.
- Marsh Hill/near saw mill: Johnathan filled in hole near culvert.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Trash ordinance enforcement/ticketing/Bergholm property: Fred received call from deputy of Orange County Sheriff's Dept., who visited the Bergholm property on July 19th and July 28th. A representative from the VT Dept. of Natural Resources was also there. Mr. Bergholm was working on picking up trash and cleaning up. The state rep. instructed Mr. Bergholm to come to the selectboard meeting to advise what has been done and what he expects to do. If he does not comply, the State will ticket him.

- Rivendell Ramble: Town supports the event and has no concerns with negatively impacting the community. Delsie noted there will be "minders" at road crossings along Middlebrook to ensure safety.

Old Business

- Lighting upgrade to Lister/Selectboard office: Tilden estimate received of \$1,537.70 to replace and upgrade lighting. Steve made motion to hire Tilden Electric to complete the lighting upgrade, as per the estimate; Al seconded; approved unanimously.
- Joe Sampson upgraded locks in Lister's office; Peggy Burden to get key copies, to be given to the Planning Commission.
- Sampson also completed fencing project in back of Town Building was completed.

New Business

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

- John Peaveler: question with installing an outhouse on his property. Needs to contact Dept. of Environmental Conservation regarding permitting.
- Town propane supply: Delsie to contact propane suppliers for bid. Need to get from Joe McPherson prior year's usage for idea on consumption.

Sign Orders

- Bev made motion to sign orders; Al Pfeiffer seconded the motion; passed.

Upcoming Events

- Rivendell Ramble 4 Mile Run, September 17th, 8am - noon, Westshire Elementary School

Bev made motion to adjourn meeting, Steve seconded; passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.