

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday August 17, 2015**

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

Visitor: Joe MacPherson

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

Bev moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented; Al seconded; passed.

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

- Meet with Town Treasurer candidate – The Selectboard met with Joe MacPherson who had been unanimously recommended to the Selectboard for appointment by the Treasurer Search Committee. Following discussion, MacPherson accepted the Treasurer's position at the budgeted amount.

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

- Bev moved to reschedule the next meeting to Tuesday, September 8 to avoid the Labor Day holiday; Fred seconded; passed.

Roads

- Reclamation/culvert replacement Wild Hill – According to Jonathan Blake, the reclaimer won't be able to come until September. Several culverts will be replaced at the same time, and to allow the culverts to seat well the reclaimed portion will be left unpaved through the winter.
- Road salt quote – The contract is for \$78.50 per ton delivered; the State-wide salt bid for District 4 was \$86. Bev moved to sign the contract with Cargill and lock in the lower price; Steve seconded; passed.
- Crack Seal - We received a quote from Nicom for Crack Seal for \$4000 per day, and we've budgeted for two days. Hoyt noted the price has been the same for at least 3 years. Fred moved to hire Nicom for two days of crack seal; Steve seconded; passed.
- Brown Road: gate removal discontinuance – John Blake notified the Selectboard that he met with Bill Richter and the gate has been replaced by one at the property line as agreed. The Selectboard will begin the process for discontinuance of the remaining portion when other commitments are finished.
- Loud & fast ATVs on Blood Brook – There have been a couple of complaints about a small group of ATVs exceeding the speed limit on Blood Brook. They seem to come over Marsh Hill, turned north on Blood Brook, and possibly went up Brushwood. Steve will call Bruce Durkee of the Westshire ATV Club to identify and speak with the riders.
- Other road issues: Bev noted that the Austin Road culvert is full of silt. There was also a complaint about the culverts on Scrutton Hill; Jonathan checked them out and found the road is rutty and eroded and water is not reaching the ditches or culverts.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Trash Ordinance enforcement, Beanville Road – Bev is working on the letter.
- Delinquent dog list/ - John couldn't come this time; Fred gave him permission to take related seminars as needed and appropriate.

Old Business

- EC Fiber bundled services – This is still in the works.
- Planning Commission membership – No one has been spoken to, but we do need to fill out the membership.
- Update: Lake Fairlee Dam Replacement – The TriTown Commission had a meeting (the minutes should be on their website). They put off electing officers until the next meeting due to low attendance.

There were two people from Dubois and King; they discussed what was going on with the Kingsbury people, and how and when to approach rebidding. We are still trying to resolve a \$25,000 bill that we got from Kingsbury for services they claim were rendered, but which the committee wants to see backup for and have not received it yet so they're not paying anything.

New Business

- Fuel oil quote – It's time to get a quote for the year's fuel oil from Perry's.
- Letter from the Cemetery commission – Candy Malinoski informed the Selectboard (via letter) that Billy Hodge had been given permission to cut up and remove a very large tree branch that had fallen across the Kidderhood cemetery so they could mow. This is an unexpected expenditure that had not been previously approved, but she says the money is in the Commission to cover it. The Selectboard agreed the expense was certainly reasonable, and will be approved when it comes through the orders.

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

- Brandi Bissonette, fitness class – She will send a copy of her professional insurance; and she is interested in moving inside in the fall when it cools down.

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

Upcoming Events

- Old Home Days, West Fairlee Church, Saturday, August 29

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.