

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2019 6pm**

Present: Beverly Jo Ash, Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt, Steve Malinoski

Clerk: Nina Schwartz

Visitors: Melanie Bacon (resident), Patricia Coppolino (VT DEC), Linda Ellio (VT DEC), Andy Boeckeler (Nobis Engineering), Darriel Swatts (EPA), Edward Hathaway (EPA-Boston), Al Pfeiffer (West Fairlee Planning Commission), Lillian Gahagan (Journal Opinion)

The meeting was called to order by Delsie Hoyt at 5:57 pm.

Minutes of the August 5th meeting were reviewed. Bev made motion to approve minutes, as corrected, Steve seconded; approved.

Organizational

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

- Ely Copper Mine clean-up:
 - Ed Hathaway from the EPA presented some background history and reviewed future plans for the Ely Copper Mine. First cleanup plan was in 2011, the second in 2015. Some planned changes in approach since then; the originally proposed landfill is too wet, the new proposal is one roast bed, less wetland impact
 - Current land use is for non-residential. Designated land use to be determined as non-residential
 - Leave mine waste in forest (already covered) up to bat cave, which are actually opens for bats, still in use. Get rid of exposed waste, large open areas. Leave more forest habitat for the bats
 - Distance issue with logging, has to work with logging specialist for bat habitat
 - Historic properties are eligible for 'historic site' status
 - Goal is to avoid impact, minimize impact or mitigate
 - Other important concerns: truck traffic to/from site, replace culvert at S Vershire Rd and impact with road closures
 - State pays for cleanup and operation maintenance
 - Ely brook is biologically dead, can't get worse. School House Brook will be focused on to preserve healthy ecosystem
- Austin Rd: Melanie Bacon attending to bring to attention to the SB that the ditches on Austin Rd are full and culverts are damaged. More than grading needed. Delsie to discuss with Jonathan Blake

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries

Roads/Land

- Grant In Aid: site visits made on Bear Notch (Jonathan did some work and Beaver Meadow (approx. \$4600, plus culverts). Grant in Aid won't cover pavement/road surface. Logging company going through. The SB will communicate with them to see if they'll pay for section, being they will be using. Additional project possibly needed; culverts fine, possible ditch work needed
- Middlebrook Rd pavement reclaim project: underway
- Salt quote: still pending

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- E911: Nina Schwartz reports the new Postmaster in Thetford, Carol Stevens, contacted her after resident Vickie MacFarlane contacted her about her change of address from Robinson Rd to Mill St. She and the local postal carrier know Mill Street ends at 295 and turns into Robinson Rd (street sign still up), despite Postal Service being notified of this change in writing in April 30, 2018. Nina again provided all correspondence regarding the road name/house numbering change to the postmaster and expressed frustration to the SB on the delay in updating street signage. Delsie to again follow up with Jonathan Blake.
- Dog Ordinance: second round of draft shared with SB members. Schedule of fees/fine procedures for ACO. To be reviewed again with intent of resolution and acceptance at September meeting

Old Business

- High-speed internet/cell service: ECFiber meeting, Delsie attended. Still not clear if residents within drop zone of service currently available at Community Building can tap into. Delsie overall optimistic about direction of what might be available in the near future
- Tax sale properties:
 - Beanville Rd property. Quinttown to provide container, Town pays, keep excavation work separate. Delsie waiting on estimates
 - King Hill Rd needs to be advertised in paper
- Revising town website: preparations ongoing, further action deferred
- Water source protection system/Community Building:
 - Steve reports physically up and running
 - Few issues with float adjustment levels and some minor valve changes needs to be done
 - Grass seed, flashing/roofing to be done
 - Building pressure increased about 20 lbs
 - Tests are good
- Community Building: outdoor peripheral grading/drainage, dumpster, tree removal: quotes pending
- Bean Hall roof leak and estimate for Community Building cupola repair: pending estimate from Jim Morel
- Recycle transfer center: Bev reports Brian Comstock weedwacked around dumpsters. Thanks to Brian for taking his time to do this

New Business

- Creative Spirit lease review/renewal: updated to include shared occupancy of old library room for inclement weather. To remain at same rate \$1,225. Steve made motion to renew and sign the lease for one year as is, Bev seconded; approved
- GIS layers Cartographic: tax maps updated. GIS layers (E911, others) not updated, not tax map related. Water connected segments layer also needs to be updated
- Labor Day meeting: reschedule- to Tuesday, September 3rd
- VLCT needs voting delegate at 2019 annual business meeting October 2nd. Steve made motion to delegate Delsie to attend, Fred seconded; approved
- Copy machine in Town Clerk's office: current copier 10+ years. Managed by New London Copy Specialist. Quote provided to purchase a black and white, multi-function copier and included service (toner) \$2,031. No motion need; everyone agrees on expense. To be paid for from Office Equipment Fund

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

- Review/approval of LHMP: Pete Fellow to visit September 16th

Sign Orders

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

Review Correspondence**Upcoming Events**

- VT Emergency Management Conference, Lake Morey Resort - Sept 6-7th

Bev made motion to adjourn meeting, Fred seconded; unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.