

Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2019 6pm

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

Clerk: Nina Schwartz

Visitors:

The meeting was called to order by Delsie Hoyt at 5:59 pm.

Minutes of the August 19th meeting were reviewed. Bev made motion to approve minutes, as noted, Steve seconded; approved.

Organizational

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

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries

- Delsie needs to confirm with Joe McPherson if stone and gravel expenses related to grant/paving projects were posted to the correct fund and if needed, be corrected
- Sand/salt expenses: + \$10k (approx.) YTD
- Ditch cleaning/spring work: + \$8k (approx.) YTD
- Seal road cracks: should expense be incurred, given current disposition of road budget (approximately \$8k)? Does the SB want to go slightly over budget? Discussion had and it was unanimously agreed to forego with work for this year to avoid greater overage
- Water source protection: portion originally sourced from capital fund for the project to pay Ruggles Engineering. Should that be redirected to the water source project loan to return back to the capital fund? SB discussion concluded all was good and no redirection needed in order to leave loan amount/payments for project down

Roads/Land

- Grant In Aid: Bear Notch and Beaver Meadow Roads: culvert work completed, project ongoing
- 'Hidden Drives' signs: request received from residence on Middlebrook Rd. SB discussed and agreed necessity for safety; to be installed
- Middlebrook Rd prepping for paving project: discussion had on culvert system connecting ditches near Rick Powers. Looking at replacing portions of culvert system near upper driveway to minimize any future negative impact on paving
- Salt quote: still pending

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- E911 (Nina Schwartz):
 - Georges Way – Nina reports visiting Georges Way as requested by E911 Board to verify call received from address their not on file. No such building located. Information on what is physically there relayed back to Board and awaiting further instruction
 - Mill St (section formerly Robinson Rd) – Nina reports recent discovery of duplicate address numbering at Farbanish/Quackenbush camp (formerly 838 Robinson Rd), should now be 470 and 472 Mill St., as decided in May 2018. Letters were sent to all affected property owners and required parties of the change. This is causing an immediate safety issue for the current 838 Mill St (MacFarlane residence, formerly 1392 Robinson Rd), as emergency responders will

mistakenly not go far enough up Mill St to get to the true 838 in the event of an emergency. Also causing issues at the post office, which Nina clarified to the Postmaster. Nina requested guidance from SB, as well as E911, on how to proceed. Steve to accompany and visit to the mis-numbered camp to explain on Thursday, 9/5

- Nina suggests perhaps the town needs an ordinance for E911 numbering. SB discussed, it would be repetitive to the state law, which take precedence. Delsie suggested similar Thetford ordinance be shared to SB members for review and can be discussed/considered in the future, if so desired by the SB
- Scruton Hill Rd – Nina visited camp on 8/30, now owned by Mark Blanchard to issue correct E911 address. Upon visit, verified that town map incorrectly reflects fork between Scruton Hill and Preserve Rds and needs to be amended for accuracy. Delsie to contact AOT to advise and Nina is working with E911 Board on addressing to avoid any errors
- During visit on Mill St, Nina reported via email to SB the discovery of a possibly abandoned sailboat at the corner of Southworth Park. Bruce to investigate further with Lee Clark to see if his or if he has any additional information on owner and/or status that can be of help
- Dog Ordinance: second round of draft and schedule of fees/fine procedures for ACO: deferred to September 16th

Old Business

- High-speed internet/cell service: ECFiber, ability to hook up to their drops: awaiting reply
- Tax sale properties:
 - Beanville Rd property cleanup: Delsie received estimate for container, Jonathan Blake estimated \$3k for excavation
 - King Hill Rd property: approximately \$10k (to cover legal expenses). Aloha Camp interested, Delsie to take next steps to offer/continue with process
- Revising town website: preparations ongoing, further action deferred
- Water source protection system/Community Building: plywood wrapped around insulation outside, although not complete
- Community Building/grounds:
 - Bean Hall roof leak and estimate for Community Building cupola repair: Jim Morel estimate forthcoming
 - Tree removal: Bragg estimate \$175, including removal. SB unanimously agrees to move forward with work adding removal of small ash trees at front of building
 - Community garden space: Creative Spirit is looking to start a garden, based on a grant. The SB supports endeavor
 - Other – C&D dumpster: parking area and peripheral grading/drainage
- Replace/secure mailbox ‘shelf’: Delsie to contact Joe

New Business

- 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: pending
- Process Excess Weight Permits- none
- Ely Copper Mine: SB unanimously desires to be added to list and to have the Memo of Agreement to support project sent to us, once available. Delsie will advise Ed Hathaway from EPA

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

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

Sign Orders

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

Review Correspondence**Upcoming Events**

Big trash, electronics, scrap metal and florescent bulbs – Saturday, September 7th

Bev made motion to adjourn meeting, Fred seconded; unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.