

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, September 3, 2018 6pm**

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

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

Minutes of the August 20th meeting were reviewed. Steve Malinoski made a motion to approve minutes; Bev Ash seconded the motion; unanimously passed.

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

Organizational

Financial Statements/Journal Entries

- The Treasurer's financial statements were reviewed.

Roads/Land

- Paving Bids for Blood Brook Rd.: Only one proposal was received. Despite lack of competing bids, Hoyt noted that over the last several years, BlakTop has been the low bidder and has always done a professional job. Bev made a motion to accept BlakTop's proposal; Al Pfeiffer seconded the motion; unanimously approved. Steve suggested that the approach for the private bridge on Beanville might be accomplished at the same time.
- Beebe Pond/lake encroachment permit: nothing further at this time..
- Grant in Aid project (Manley Hill Rd/Mill St): project will begin shortly.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- E9-1-1: Nina Schwartz on vacation but working on bringing Aloha Hive and Wilson Rd. into compliance.
- Public water supply/compliance process for Community Building: Steve reported construction permit from State still pending; once approved, would hope to get the project out to bid this winter for summer 2019 construction.

Old Business

- Brushwood Forest Current Use/Forestry Management RFP: Three proposals were received and reviewed. Fred Cook noted that all three were extremely well-qualified and submitted similar work plans so the decision boils down to price. Al Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the proposal of low bidder, Redstart Forestry; Steve Malinoski seconded the motion; approved unanimously.
- Revising town website: in progress
- Animal Control Officer: Delsie to discuss with Mark McKee from Vershire Selectboard about possible collaboration
- Law enforcement: Delsie still trying to set meeting time with Thetford's Stuart Rogers about possible collaboration.

New Business

- Proposed consultation with Town Attorney re: tax sale redemptions: the Selectboard has been asked whether redemption of a tax sale property can be made in installments. Delsie noted that the law seems clear that payment for redemption must be made in full, but she was unsure whether the Town as high bidder might have other options. There was consensus that this was a question for the Town Attorney; Delsie will follow up and circulate his response.
- Letter from Creative Spirit Daycare: Owner Sheila Bedi has requested several building improvements; some may be undertaken at her own expense pending approval of the Selectboard.
 1. Delsie acknowledged that follow-up with Tilden was required for electrical needs in the Daycare (as well as in the Library, per Fire Marshall).
 2. Flooring needs to be replaced at front and park-side entries; and upstairs hall is also showing sign of wear. The Selectboard will pursue estimates from flooring companies.
 3. Door fixtures need to be upgraded to ADA-compliant paddle handles. Handyman Joe Sampson will be contacted.
 4. Replace and relocate storage shed currently on playground. This would be at Creative Spirit's expense; Sheila will circulate photos of proposed shed and come to an agreement on location.
- Process Excess Weight Permits:

Review Correspondence

Upcoming Events

- GUVSWM Big Trash and Electronics collection, October 13th, Thetford

Sign Orders

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

Fred made motion to adjourn meeting, Bev seconded; unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.