

Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, October 2, 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 September 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Bev Ash made motion to approve the minutes, as noted; Steve Malinoski seconded the motion; unanimously passed.

Organizational

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

- Insurance, Lake Fairlee Dam: Delsie has requested from Steve clarification on coverage required by the town, as renewal is up-coming. Steve has deferred to James Dixon for response; no answer to date.

Financial/Journal Entries

- Discuss/plan FY2018 budget development:
 - Question on current budget spending/allotment for highways/roads and assessing if any changes needed for FY2018. The SB reviewed upcoming expenditures allotted, but not yet disbursed.
 - Question on possible surplus balance remaining for Lake Fairlee Dam expenses. Delsie to investigate/verify further.

Roads/Land

- Grant In Aid Program/Robinson Rd.:
 - Ditches, water bars, and cut-outs being created, to date, to the top of the hill.
 - Westshire ATV Club requires bill/statement to submit to get matching funds from VASA. Delsie to provide.
- ANR public notice re: municipal roads/general permitting.
 - Upcoming, but with a timeline provided for studies and assessments to plan accordingly and to work to incorporate into the Town Plan.
 - Delsie has commented steady progress has been made, and continues, with addressing/upgrading town culverts, which is helpful.
- FY2018 highway grants projects (i.e. BBR, Transportation Alternatives, Grant In Aid, Better Backroads, Grant Stabilization Program, etc): Delsie mentioned various grants to consider applying for; what areas would qualify for such grants, and which areas are of greatest need that the Town can budget to address.
- Pending driveway access approvals: pending.
- Salt options – ‘Clearlane’ vs. regular salt. Delsie confirmed ‘Clearlane’ works better for colder weather. Town does not have storage capacity to separately store. As such, Delsie to return contract for regular salt and State bid price.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Compliance with 'public water supply' for Community Building: Steve spoke with Lance Colby, Water Operator for Fairlee, who provided some referrals to resources - Aldrich & Elliot, Vermont Rural Supply. Steve to investigate what needs to be done/next steps, costs and deadlines after reaching out to these contacts.
- Trash ordinance enforcement/ticketing/Bergholm property: no further action or compliance has been taken to date and despite visit by Environmental Conservation, no action by the State is evident on their website. Bev to investigate further with the Sheriff's Department.

Old Business

- Response to Dustin Burnett re: Class IV roads. The document Mr. Burnett submitted was not an explanation of the Vermont statute on Class IV roads maintenance. Delsie drafted response to be sent via email.
- Bean Hall: response from town attorney on questions/concerns submitted: still pending. BHSC requested and sent September 4th (final) and 19th (draft) meeting minutes.
- October 14th Special Trash Collections: GUVSWMD looking for volunteers, 9am-noon, to assist with directing traffic, hand out information, etc.
- Town website revamp: Delsie and Nina Schwartz summarized and shared the options and fees offered with GovOffice website tech packages. To be continued.

New Business

- Warn special town meeting on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7pm to vote for five year renewal of WF Volunteer Fire Department tax exemption, at Community Building. Steve made motion to submit warning, Al seconded; unanimously approved.
- Review of PACIF insurance coverage, Tuesday, October 10th, 10am, Community Building.
- Discussion on swing set in the back of Community Building. Insurance liability requirements have changed and Sheila does not want to make modifications necessary to comply. The SB will need to either take over and complete required modifications or remove the swing set.

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

Sign Orders

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

Upcoming Events

- Big trash/tires/fluorescent bulbs: Saturday, October 14th (NOT usual trash day!)
- Delinquent Tax Sale, Saturday, October 28th at 11am, Community Building

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