

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday October 3, 2016**

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

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

Steve moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 Regular Meeting with one typo fixed; Fred seconded; passed.

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

- Conservation Commission: update re: e. coli project/possible grant: Peggy Willey reported she had gathered more information on the septic survey which might help identify possible sources of e. coli; that it could possibly be rolled into a storm water grant. Since the specific guidelines for town highway water quality/erosion risk permitting (which may also tap these funds) haven't been released yet, Delsie suggested waiting and/or consulting with Two Rivers to assess what would be most advantageous.
- Update Tri-Town Lake Fairlee Dam Committee: Steve/Fred
 - Executive Session re: legal issues - After ten minutes in Executive Session, Steve moved to authorize Fred to represent the Town's interests at a court-ordered mediation session concerning the settlement with Kingsbury Construction; Bev seconded; passed.
 - Planning Commission update: Al - Al reported on the current revised schedule for approval of the Town Plan with the required Journal Opinion posting and hearings.

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries

- Schedule for Development of 2017 Budget - The financials were looked over and discussed. Starting the 2017 budget was also discussed; next meeting will be personnel and general expenses.

Roads

- Status of Water Quality/Municipal Road Permitting: Steve & Delsie went to the Orange/Windsor Counties Road Commissioners' Meeting in Chelsea to hear updates from State and Regional planners concerning implementation of Act 64 (The Water Quality bill) and its possible implications on the town budget. The specific guidelines for Act 64 are due out next summer; but it was helpful to get an overview of how it will roll out. Delsie noted that we need to update our culvert inventory and Pete Fellows of Two Rivers has provided a link.
- Update: new guidance for Emergency Protective Measures (roads): Also from the Chelsea meeting, Delsie distributed new/clearer guidance from the State concerning the 72 hour window for emergency road work in the case of a major event like Irene. The document will be filed with the Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- Unfinished driveway permits - Several pending driveway permits were discussed; they need to be finished by winter or they could cause safety issues.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Local Emergency Operation Plan/VSP: Specific contact information for Town Officials has been requested.

Old Business

- Follow-up re: illegal dumping on Rt. 244 - The letter was returned undelivered. A second letter is being sent with new information.

New Business

- Operation of new furnace thermostats Community Building - Delsie explained the new programmable thermostats; three more will be installed later this month.

- Damage to Village Park - The wedding on the green was lovely, and the premises were left in perfect condition. Unrelated to that event, later that evening someone vandalized the area by spinning "donuts" in the turf. Delsie contacted Bill Hodge to make repairs.
- Delsie noted that she was meeting with Thetford Selectboard Chair Stu Rogers to informally discuss ways the two towns might collaborate on services or programs in the future.
- Approve/process overweight truck permits - Bev - There were none.

Bev moved to sign the orders; Al seconded; passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.