

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday November 2, 2015**

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

Visitors: Joe MacPherson, Dan & Linda Magoon, Jen Shatney, Peggy Willey

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

Steve moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015 Regular Meeting as corrected; Al seconded; approved.

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

- Discussion re: use of Sheldon Miller Fund – Delsie explained that the Town Attorney confirmed that these funds are restricted to use only for the West Fairlee Elementary School. Jen Shatney has been working with Westshire Elementary, and provided several suggestions she had researched for using this money for educational programs or for recreational equipment including costs and advantages of each option. Approximately \$3,000 remains in the fund and there was consensus for spreading this out over a few years. The Selectboard discussed the options and asked for a firm cost for the children's skis which can be used at the school as well as for the ski program.

- Peggy Willey – She talked to Dave Paganelli about the closeout of the ATV trails in Brushwood North, and what would be needed to block four trails. It was suggested she talk with the Blakes about options.

- Update Tri-Town Lake Fairlee Dam Commission – Fred was not able to be at the last meeting. Concerns regarding recent press releases were discussed, and Delsie will get in touch with the Fairlee and Thetford Selectboard Chairs to suggest and schedule a joint meeting to clarify procedures. There will be another Tri-Town meeting on November 12 in Fairlee.

- Dan and Linda Magoon re: King Hill Road – The couple understands that this is a Class IV road, but expressed concerns that they have put significant money into material for the road, and would like to close the road at least seasonally to prevent damage and further expense. Immediate reaction from the Selectboard was that this was a public road and access must be maintained, but Delsie will clarify the legal options before the next meeting. Delsie also made the correction that while the Town does not plow Class IV Roads; it is responsible for culverts, ditches, and other drainage and has done such work on King Hill within the past few years and freshens the water cut-outs regularly to protect the road. It was suggested that it might not be malicious "mudding" but regular traffic that was causing the problem.

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries (unavailable last meeting)

- Review Projected year-end revenues and expenditures – Projections for year-end revenues and expenses compared to budget were reviewed and a good start was made on preparing next year's budget. The journal entries were reviewed, and Treasurer Joe MacPherson answered questions.

Roads

- Reclamation/culvert replacement Wild Hill - The culverts will be done this week; Wild Hill will be closed for two days.

- VTrans grant audit rescheduled – The audit has not yet been rescheduled by Vtrans.

- Middlebrook Beaver Dam issue – With the assistance of an area trapper, the number of beaver was reduced and they are not rebuilding. Jonathan Blake will be asked to remove the remainder of

the dam. This has been a chronic problem, and the high water has caused erosion of the road right of way.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Changes to dog ordinance & policies – Deferred.

Old Business

- Planning Commission membership – It only requires one meeting a month; possible new members were suggested.

New Business

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

Bev moved to sign the orders; Steve seconded; passed.

Review Correspondence – Appropriation requests for next year have started to come in.

Upcoming Events

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.