

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday November 21, 2016**

Present: Bev Ash, Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt

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

Fred moved to approve the minutes of October 24, 2016 Special Meeting and the November 7, 2016 Regular Meeting as corrected; Bev seconded; passed.

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

- Update Tri-Town Lake Fairlee Dam Committee: Steve/Fred - No meeting scheduled, but new updated information expected shortly, as all three towns are in the midst of budgeting expenses for next year.

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries

- Review of the 2017 draft budget with Treasurer Joe MacPherson will take place at the December 5th meeting with the full Selectboard. An initial draft for review has been circulated via email.

Roads

- Update culvert inventory - Delsie made copies of the culvert maps and inventory sheets and plans to take them around, particularly where work has been done. Updating the information may cut back on the number of sites identified by the State as erosion risk areas.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Community policing options - This discussion will take place as part of the budget. The Town is looking for ways we might collaborate with neighboring towns to augment/increase coverage now provided by Orange County Sheriff's Dept.

Old Business

- Follow-up re: illegal dumping on Rt. 244 - The letter has been returned; Al has taken a look at it, but is on vacation. Further steps will take place when he returns.
- Community Building sewer back-up remediation, repair, and insurance claim - The Board discussed a new liner technology which would seal the current cast iron pipe against further tree root intrusion. However, the cost for lining a 10-15' section is about equal to digging the tree and old pipe out and replacing with PVC. It was noted that replacement would upgrade that section of the system, whereas the liner was closer to a patch job. Fred moved to use Community Building Capital funds to engage Jonathan Blake to remove the tree at the rear of the building and replace the cast iron sewer line with PVC from the building to the septic tank; Bev seconded; passed.

New Business

- Community Building snow shoveling contract - Richard Dunton, who lives nearby, has agreed to shovel and treat the entrances and exits around the Community Building.
- Correspondence addressed to the Selectboard was received regarding a penalty on a late tax payment; the taxpayer admitted that according to the postmark it sat in White River Junction for two days from the time she mailed it. If relying on the US Postal Service, taxpayers are encouraged to mail their checks at least a week in advance; and it was noted that many use the drop box at the entrance to the Town Offices, if they are unable to deliver their taxes in person.

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

Review Correspondence -

Upcoming Events

- reminder schedule ARC for completion of thermostat installation

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.