

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, December 17, 2018 6pm**

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

Clerk: Nina Schwartz

Visitors:

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

Minutes of the December 3rd meeting were reviewed. Bev made motion to approve minutes, as is. Steve seconded the motion; unanimously passed.

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

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries

- EOY financial review done to also use with 2019 budget development
- 2019 budget development: continued review/discussion of budget items: Steve made motion to approve the submitted working budget for 2019 to fine tune and present to town for vote. Bev seconded; unanimously approved
 - Cemetery Commission budget request will be same as last year
 - Financing of water supply protection system: Delsie noted that should bids come in more than expected, the Selectboard has the option to initiate short-term borrowing through our municipal bank to spread the cost over 2 to 3 years

Roads/Land

Hearing on discontinuance segments of Preserve Rd./Tebbitts Notch Rd.: Dept. of Forest and Parks must be consulted to ensure they do not wish to make any trails on the proposed discontinuance segments. Action deferred until they weigh in.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- E9-1-1/Aloha Hive Camp/Wilson Rd:
 - Certified letter received by SB and Nina Schwartz from the Aloha Foundation/Chris Overtree stating their opposition to the changes effective January 1, 2019.
 - Delsie responded via email again advising the opportunity for the Aloha Foundation to attend a SB meeting, as done repeatedly to them since August.
 - Chris Overtree to attend tonight's meeting and then emailed before the meeting that the Aloha Foundation will not attend, but has reconsidered and will begrudgingly go along with the programmed changes and will revisit if/when any issue arise
- Public water supply/compliance process for Community Building:
 - Steve advises bid packages went out to four contractors chosen
 - Steve suggests Nate attend SB meeting on January 21, 2019 for bid opening to answer any immediate questions
 - 6 month lead and copper tests came back for Community Building and all normal
- Law enforcement/possible collaboration with Thetford:
 - Delsie met with Thetford Police Chief Michael Evans and Stu Rogers (Thetford SB) on 12/17. They are willing to mix up 2 hour weekly coverage for West Fairlee for a speed control contract

- Delsie suggests the Town's speed ordinance be reviewed
- VLCT to send Delsie a contract template and Thetford Police/SB to also get one to review/modify

Old Business

- Revising town website: deferred
- Community Building maintenance and upgrades:
 - Flooring (carpeting) – installation scheduled for January 2, 2019
 - Phone replacement/upgrades:
 - Quote received from North Country Phone Service. One time charge for equipment and then monthly fee for auto attendant \$2,081 for one year total, then \$1,500/yr for auto-attendant service
 - Key Communications quote is for equipment only; no monthly charge. (Monthly auto-attendant service is available, if desired, through EC Fiber, our current telephone carrier, at a cost of \$40.) \$2,500 for new equipment (only), no additional fee afterward, unless SB chooses to enroll with monthly services with EC Fiber
 - Bev made motion to accept bid/sign contract with Key Communications. Steve seconded; approved
 - Furnace has been tagged and annual maintenance completed
- Bean Hall: roof leak. Delsie waiting to hear back from Randall Hoyt of Tunbridge for estimate. WFHS requested to go into the building to assess situation. Delsie accompanied, situation is currently stable

New Business

- Process Excess Weight Permits: none

Sign Orders

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

Review Correspondence

- Prouty Ultimate July 12, 2019 proposed route: (same as last year)
- New battery recycling containers: now in Community Building

Upcoming Events

Bev made motion to adjourn meeting, Al seconded; unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.