

**Approved Minutes  
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting  
Monday, December 18, 2017 6pm**

**Present:** Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt, Steve Malinoski, Al Pfeiffer

**Clerk:** Nina Schwartz

**Visitors:**

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

Minutes of the December 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were reviewed. Fred Cook made motion to approve minutes, as noted; Al Pfeiffer seconded the motion; unanimously passed.

### **Organizational**

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

- Planning Commission:
  - Vote for chair deferred until January. Jim Totin attended, as did Linda Magoon. Linda to decide on her intent to join; will advise.
  - No FY2018 budget request, cash reserve sufficient to complete Town Plan and other activities.
  - Brian Stone to submit letter of resignation to the SB.
- Conservation Commission (CC):
  - E.coli in the Ompompanoosuc River: Peggy Willey sent email updating the SB on possibilities for various state agencies who might be able to spearhead such project. Delsie commented information was promising and the SB is supportive of any effort forthcoming.

#### **Financial/Journal Entries**

- Reviewed expense report, noting 'unencumbered balance' at year end for various categories. Funds have been transferred from the general fund to their individual cap funds at YE.
- FY2018 budget development:
  - Reviewed 'Revision 3', since reviewed at last meeting. General discussion made on various details.
  - Fred researched historic road salt usage: large increase in usage from 2010-11, which remained thereafter, with limited/no details to clearly show reason why. Records on salt usage for winter road maintenance date back to 1959, which totaled \$1355. Discussion followed on prior usage, current cost and environmental impact. Suggestion made to reduce allotment of road salt by 10%; unanimously supported. Discussion with the Blakes to follow for communication/support, as the SB agrees they have done a great job with our winter road maintenance.
  - Library Committee to date has not submitted FY2018 budget proposal. Discussion followed on ways to increase library use but ultimately decisions lie with having active panel of Library Trustees and the desires of the community.
  - Municipal general roads permitting increase, more than double what was originally proposed to over \$2,000 per year.

- SB to submit final draft to Joe McPherson for tweaking and for SB to finalize at next meeting.

### **Roads/Land**

- Lakeshore encroachment permit Beebe/Middlebrook Pond: DEC sent letter suggesting permit be withdrawn, with little information on details for their objections. The SB unanimously supports Delsie's representation to disagree with this decision and to continue fighting for this based on public safety.
- Municipal Roads General Permitting (MRGP)/FY2018 highway grants projects: Delsie recently attended workshop, learned about helpful highway practices to be more closely looked at in the future.
- Pending driveway access approvals:
  - Tony Munn/Wild Hill Rd – Steve confirmed permit for permanent access to field (not logging). Recommended to landowner to record with the Town Clerk on land record.
  - Ed Morelli/Jennings Rd. – pending. Steve to continue to follow up.

### **Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement**

- E911 re: Robinson Rd: Nina Schwartz reports the VT E911 Board has suggested possibly dividing Robinson Rd/Mill St to clarify easiest road access, as road is not easily traversable straight through. The information was shared with the SB, which in turn supported and also suggested possibly renaming Robinson Rd. completely (Manley Hill Rd), to remove confusion with Robinson Hill Rd. Nina to discuss with E911 Board and if no objections, the SB will notify/discuss affected residents before any changes are made.
- Public water supply/Community Building: Steve met with Chas from Sargent Wells & Nate from Ruggles to take water samples. Question if pump design is adequate (upgrade needed-?) – all plastic pipe; sanitized. Number of fixtures in Community Building in question to determine tank size and if we want to reduce some fixtures. Will take about a month to hear on test results and take next steps. Nate to advise on engineering recommendations, based on findings.
- Trash ordinance enforcement/ticketing/Bergholm property: Fred spoke with Deputy Briggs to issue/re-issue ticket; who did not want to supersede State. DEC site does not mention of any action being taken. Deputy agreed to issue ticket.

### **Old Business**

- Town website revamp: further action deferred.
- PACIF Loss Protection 'audit' recommendations: ongoing.
- Community Building snow plowing/mowing contract renewal with Billy Hodge: pending

### **New Business**

- Development of Town Report: last day to petition, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018/First day to warn Town Meeting February 4<sup>th</sup> (SB meeting Feb 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Warn January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting 6pm, due to New Year's holiday. Fred made motion to accept meeting date/time, Al Pfeiffer second; approved.

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

### **Sign Orders**

Fred Cook made motion to sign orders; Al Pfeiffer seconded the motion; passed.

Fred made motion to adjourn meeting, Steve seconded; passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.