Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday December 19, 2016

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

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

Approve Minutes of December 5, 2016 Regular Meeting - Deferred due to technical problems

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

- Update Tri-Town Lake Fairlee Dam Committee: Steve/Fred -
  - Review and approve final payments re: James Dixon email - Our share of the final payment to Hebert is $8,284; the check for it is in the Orders to be approved.
- Planning Commission/Town Plan: Hearing schedule/warning: Al - The Warning for the Selectboard public hearing for the Town Plan was published in the Journal Opinion, the paper of record, last Wednesday; it will take place at the beginning of the Selectboard's next regular meeting on Monday, January 2 at 5:30 p.m. Al noted that two articles concerning the Town Plan will also need to be included in the March 2017 Town Meeting Warrant.
- Comments on draft of Planning Commission By-Laws - Deferred until the Board has a chance to review it.

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries

- Revisions/approval of Final Draft Budget - After further review, Fred moved to move ahead with the final draft of the 2017 Working Budget of $508,989; Steve seconded; passed. This reflects an increase over last year of about $8,000.

Roads

- Winter Road Policy was discussed.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Community policing options - Contract with Orange County Sheriff's Department will be discussed at the next meeting; other collaborative options are still under consideration.

Old Business

- Follow-up re: illegal dumping on Rt. 244 - Bev - Since they wouldn't be able to do anything about it this winter, it was decided to let it go until spring.
- Update: Community Building sewer back-up remediation, repair, and insurance claim - Delsie - The new drywall is up and will be taped and painted after the holidays; the flooring quote from LaValley's is acceptable to our insurance and will get underway after the first of the year.

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

- Steve reported that he had been contacted by a contractor asking to re-establish the bridge to the property on Beanville Road which was swept away during Tropical Storm Irene. The Town has no jurisdiction on stream crossings; and he referred them to the Stream Engineer at the VT Department of Environmental Conservation. Once State permits are in place, the Town will consider a driveway access permit and create an opening in the guardrail.

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

Review Correspondence Appropriation requests and annual reports are rolling in.

Upcoming Events

- update/reminder schedule ARC for completion of thermostat installation - we're on their list, but they are swamped right now.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.