

Minutes of West Fairlee Selectboard October 4, 2010 Meeting

Present for the Selectboard: Bonnie Cray, Jim Brigham, Sharon Petersen, Nate Pero, Butch Moore

Visitors: Brenda Needham, Roger Bailey, Jim McDade, Jon Melseworth, John Blake, Jonathan Blake, John Benjamin, Doug Sonsalla, Andy Petersen, Jean Farris, Harold Gardner

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Bonnie Cray

- ***Visitors***

Brenda Needham – Superintendent Rivendell School

Brenda is the new Superintendent for Rivendell, and wants to meet all the town officials so she is going around to the different town meetings to introduce herself. Brenda is a native Vermonter and grew up in Bridgewater where her father was the post master. She went to high school at Woodstock and went to college at the University of Vermont. Brenda worked in Lebanon for nine years as an assistant superintendent so she is familiar with the Rivendell school district. Brenda truly enjoys being a superintendent and is proud of her job.

- ***Approve minutes of September 20, 2010 regular board meeting and September 18, 2010 Beebe Road Hearing.***

Brigham makes a motion to accept the minutes for the September 20th regular scheduled meeting and the minutes of the September 18th Beebe Road Hearing, Moore seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimous.

- ***Hear and Act on the Reports of Town Officers and Committees***

No comments

- ***Roads***

- **Guardrails on Middle Brook Road**

Jonathan Blake stated that the posts on Middle Brook Road are more of a liability to leave them in than it would be to take them out. It was recommended by Jonathan that the town remove the remaining posts.

Laffite (guardrail specialists) will be coming to meet with the Blake's to discuss cost of guardrails at various sites and Middle Brook will be among them.

The board discussed removing the guardrails entirely. Moore makes a motion to have the Blake's remove the existing posts, Petersen seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimous.

- The new signs for the neighborhood watch have come in and the Blake's will be putting them out in various locations. Blood Brook Road sign and post have been stolen.
- Nicom sealed the pavement on both sides of Middle Brook Road up to the Stever Farm.
- The ledge has been jack hammered out on the Beaver Meadow Road culvert.
- Marsh Hill Road on the Blood Brook side is having some washing out issues and will need to be filled.
- **Cargill about salt**

It was discussed to use Magnesium Chloride deicer as opposed to rock salt. Some of the benefits of using Magnesium Chloride are:

- The deicer stays within 18" of where it is spread, which means with its reduced scatter the deicer will stay on the road surface and not bounce to lawns and shoulders, helping to reduce roadside vegetation burnout.
- It is less corrosive than regular rock salt, helping to extend the life of your equipment and vehicles.
- It is more visually prominent, which means the enhance color enables snowplow drivers and motorists to see the product on the pavement.
- Using this deicer people find they need to use less of it than rock salt, allowing for less chloride use.
- This deicer contains a more environmentally friendly anti-caking agent.

Brigham makes a motion to try out the Magnesium Chloride, Pero seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimous.

- **Beebe Road Meeting – October 5th**

The meeting will be held on-site Tuesday October 5th with Stephen Jerome ,the landowners, and the Selectboard. The meeting is meant to be informational and open to the public.

- **Driveway permit on Blood Brook Road – Michael Lorden**

Pero went out and reviewed the location of the Lorden driveway location; there will be plenty of sight in both directions for easy entry and exit. Pero has signed off on the driveway permit.

- ***Old business***

- **Confirmation about Budget Committee members**

Andy Petersen has sent out an e-mail to the previous budget committee members to ask if they would be interested in being on the 2011 budget committee. The

responses received back were: Delsie Hoyt, Jon Molesworth, and Andy Petersen will remain on the committee; Roger Bailey has declined for this year. We would like to thank Roger Bailey for his services on the budget committee.

➤ **Building Committee**

Moore makes the motion to have a building committee for the community building, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion is unanimous.

The building committee will consist of the CDC, the planning commission, and other persons who would be interested will be an appointed committee.

If any persons are interested in being a part of the building committee please feel free to contact the Selectboard.

• *New Business*

➤ **Outside Audit**

Jim McDade contacted Randall Northwood regarding outside audit, the response from Northwood was an estimate of \$9,200 to \$10,000 for a single year contract, and the actual expense would depend on the amount of assistance required. Northwood also stated that entering into a multiyear contract with him could reduce the cost per year; again it would depend on what the assistance would entail.

Jim McDade will also be contacting John Schiffman of Lebanon to get an estimate for his services as outside audit.

➤ **Historical Society Response to Selectboard letter regarding Bean Hall**

The Historical Society has received the letter from the selectboard regarding Bean Hall; however, the Historical Society has not yet had a meeting in regard to the letter, whereas they would like some clarification from the selectboard and their intent before meeting.

At 7:10 Moore left the meeting.

Petersen makes as motion to hold an Executive meeting to enter into a contract negotiation with Historical Society on November 3rd at 6pm regarding Bean Hall, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion is unanimous.

➤ Christopher Welch has resigned, effective immediately, as Lister for the Town. The Town would like to thank Christopher for his years of service and we wish him good luck.

If anyone in the Town is interested in becoming a Lister for the Town, would they please contact the Selectboard.

- ***Sign orders***

Brigham makes a motion to sign the orders, Pero seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimous.

- ***Review Correspondence***

Permit from the Dept. of Environmental Conservation for installing dry hydrants in Lake Fairlee and Beebe Pond

- ***Review Town Financial Statements***

The statements were reviewed at the last regularly scheduled meeting.

- ***Action-items and Agenda Items for Next Meeting***

Road

- Inventory of road signs (speed limit, road names, etc.) will be needed

- Beebe Road

- Guard rails on Middlebrook Road

Old

- Putting up the Neighborhood Watch signs

- Building Committee

New

- Discussion of appointing a new person as Lister for the Town

- ***Up Coming Events***

Beebe Road Hearing – October 5th

- ***Adjourn***

Brigham makes a motion to adjourn, Pero seconds the motion, and the motion is unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Meredith Hartshorn, Selectboard Clerk