

## **Minutes of West Fairlee Selectboard September 7, 2010 Meeting**

**Present for the selectboard:** Bonnie Cray, Nate Pero, Jim Brigham, David Butch Moore, Sharon Petersen,

**Visitors:** John Blake, John Benjamin, Doug Sonsala

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

Revisions to the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were made. Motion from Sharon Petersen to accept minutes, David “Butch” Moore seconded the motion.

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

§ West Fairlee Historical Society Letter regarding Bean Hall

They did not get their letter until after the meeting and need to contact members for discussion.

### *Roads*

§ Beanville Culvert / Beaver Meadow Bridge

Cray stated that the loan from citizens bank went into the account on September 1<sup>st</sup> so the work can be started. Road crew stated that the work started on September 7 and expecting concrete man next week. Signs have been put up. The loan will have to be paid back by December 24<sup>th</sup>.

§ Class IV Roads ( seasonal Closing& Culvert Work)

Letter from a resident regarding Class IV, it needs to be clarified that the town does not have the budget to fix all the work that needs to be done only high priority work will be considered.

Nate Pero stated that the town did not grade Robinson Hill Road just maintained ditches and fixed a washout.

Need to draft a ordinance that we will close the Class IV roads right before the Mud season and that the roads will only be open to the residence. A saw horse will be put up stating local residence only and if the sign is moved there will be a fine involved... needs to be discussed with the town lawyer. John Benjamin talked of putting a line item in for ditches in culverts only otherwise it could be implied that more work would be done.

Sharon Petersen suggested that an account be setup specifically for the Class IV roads. Class IV roads have been maintained only to the point of being passable. Nate Pero to call the Vermont League and Vermont Local roads.

§ Vermont Local Roads Workshops

Trees in the town right of way; composting embankments; pavement markings

**Old Business**

§ Selectboard Clerk Position

Introduction of myself.

*I worked with Holly at Pathways Consulting for four years. I currently own a home in Piermont, New Hampshire and have a 5-month old daughter named Ella. My boyfriend of 5 years just asked to marry him and I will be getting married (hopefully) in September of 2011!*

§ Establish a building Committee

Discussed getting started on the town office and setting up a building committee. Sharon Petersen makes a motion to put off setting up committee until later in the meeting... Nate Pero seconded that. The vote was unanimous

§ Bradford Forest Committee / Meeting

The town has not received a response to the letter of interest that was sent by the Selectboard. Benjamin discussed setting up of a committee, and if this is something the board would like to pursue. Committee would take the burden off the selectboard and get the information out.

Motion by Cray for the Conservation Committee to setup an informational meeting for the town and organizing a committee to be the go between TPL and the Town. Interested parties from the Conservation Committee Fred Cook, (alternates Peggy Willy and Caroline Floryan), Geoff Gardner from planning Commission, Jim Brigham from selectboard to be on the committee. David "Butch" Moore seconds that the vote was unanimous

§ 250th Anniversary Celebration

Bonnie Cray read letter. The following letter to the West Fairlee Selectboard from the Fairlee Selectboard dated August 30, 2010:

*"In 2011, the Town of Fairlee will celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its incorporation. We are planning three days of festivities – July 2, 3, and 4 to mark the event, followed on September 9 with a ceremony to recognize the actual signing of the charter.*

*In as much as we are unified to township in 1761, we would be honored to have you and the West Fairlee community join us in these celebrations.*

*Should you have any questions please contact Ann Fenton, Selectboard Administrative Assistant; or Georgette Wolf-Ludwig, Town Clerk."*

Brigham made a motion to help Fairlee with the celebration; David “Butch” Moore seconds the motion, motion unanimous.

§ Solid Waste

Mike Searle More Waste Solutions will be here on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> to start the collection of trash. Butch Moore passed out papers at the recycling center stating the new changes. Some red stickers may be out there and they will be honored for the first week. The board will talk to Thetford and Vershire and the recycling will be further explored for a better rate.

Benjamin said how much he appreciates the time the selectboard has put into working on reducing the cost of solid waste.

§ Community Building Town Office Repairs & Renovations

Community Building: Sonsalla asked about the possibility to get a bond vote together for the work on the Community Building. Bonnie Cray makes a motion to set up a building committee for the Community Building work Jim Brigham seconds the motion, motions passes unanimously.

*New Business*

§ Constable Resignation/appointment

To be discussed at next meeting... lack of resignation

§ Warn Special Town Meeting for Bean Hall Reserve Fund

In order to use any money off of the bean hall account we will have to call a special meeting. The board decided to wait until Town meeting. Selectboard needs to figure out how they want to use this money in order to present an article at town meeting to be voted on.

§ Town office computer system backup

Upgrade the satellite system. Buy two external back up systems and Town Clerk will take it off site with every night. Pero makes motion to upgrade internet for a month, Brigham seconds it and it was accepted unanimously.

§ Yearly outside Audit bank requirement

Outside yearly audit a requirement by Citizens bank. We have to have this setup before the end of the year and a line item included in the budget.

§ Budget Committee members confirmation

Confirm budget committee members to participate in the coming budget discussion will need to appointed if not a full board of 5.

### ***Sign orders***

Motion to sign orders by Moore and seconded by Brigham, motion was unanimous.

### ***Review Correspondence***

Motion to review correspondence by Moore, Brigham seconded, motion unanimous.

Ask Town Clerk if she has a copy of signed contract for salt.

Route 244 is in the works of being paved.

### ***Review Town Financial Statements***

Financial statements to be reviewed at next scheduled meeting.

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

Request the people that are interested in being a member of the building committees. Agenda items for next meeting:

Ask CDC people if they are interested

Bradford Forest Committee to please contact a selectboard member: Sharon Petersen via e-mail [barnyardquilting@hughes.net](mailto:barnyardquilting@hughes.net) or phone (802) 333-3566 or Butch more via phone (802) 333-4611

Letter responding to Town of Fairlee about our participation  
Historical response to selectboard letter regarding Bean Hall  
Beanville culvert and beaver meadow bridge  
Constable Resignation/appoint new constable  
Budget Committee members confirmation

***Up Coming Events - Beebe Road Hearing September 18, 2010 at Site.***

### ***Adjourn***

Brigham moved to adjourn, Pero seconds the motion, vote passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Meredith Hartshorn  
Selectboard Clerk