

Minutes of West Fairlee Selectboard Special Meeting
August 30, 2010

Present from the Selectboard: Bonnie Cray, Nate Pero, David Butch Moore, Sharon Petersen
Visitors: Meredith Hartshorn, John Benjamin, Andy Petersen

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm at the Community Building multi-purpose room by Bonnie Cray.

Recycling

Moore discussed the solid waste disposal arrangements with the More Waste Solutions. The solid waste disposal collection will start on September 18, 2010 with recycling services continued to be provided by Northeast Solid Waste. Moore discussed potentially coordinating combined recycling collection with Thetford. Cray will provide the Town's current generation rate. Cray asked if bulk collection events (i.e. tires, metal, etc) would also be shared with Thetford. Moore suggested discussing the options with Thetford. Disposal options were discussed. Cray clarified that Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste collects the tires. Pero and Cray discussed the cost to the Town of collection events. Petersen asked for clarification on bag sizes. Moore indicated that a typical bag weighs 40 pounds with reduced prices potentially offered for smaller bag sizes. Moore discussed the future possibility of combining solid waste collection locations with Thetford. Petersen indicated that Thetford residents are required to purchase recycling stickers and suggested that West Fairlee residents may also have to purchase recycling stickers. Moore suggested contributing some of the recycling cost from the Town and some from residents purchasing stickers. The solid waste collection cost is now \$4 per bag with \$0.50 going towards the Town. The board compiled a list of discussion topics to review with Thetford.

Cray moved to utilize More Waste Solutions for Town solid waste services beginning on September 18, 2010. The motion was seconded by Petersen and the vote passed unanimously. The board discussed the transition between Northeast Solid Waste and More Waste Solutions.

The board has prepared informational handouts for residents available at the B&B and in the West Fairlee Newsletter. Pero suggested highlighting the information pertaining to the retiring of solid waste stickers in exchange for a cash system. The transition between the systems was discussed.

Grant Anticipation Loan

Cray moved to borrow \$51,300 from Citizen's Bank with the loan dispensed September 1, 2010 and with full repayment due December 24, 2010. The loan terms include a 2.36% interest rate and will be utilized to perform culvert/bridge work on Beanville Road and Beaver Meadow roads in anticipation of reimbursement from the grant awarded to the Town. The motion was seconded and the vote passed unanimously. The anticipated road work was explained by Cray. The paperwork was signed by the board.

Selectboard Clerk Interviews

The board discussed the position with Hartshorn and Cray moved to hire Meredith Hartshorn beginning on September 7, 2010 as the Selectboard Clerk. Moore seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

The constable position was discussed. The board invites all interested parties to the next board meeting to discuss the position.

Motion by Moore, at 6:50 pm, to adjourn the meeting. Pero seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Lewis-Poulin
Selectboard Clerk