

Minutes of West Fairlee Selectboard Beebe Road Hearing
September 18, 2010

Present from the Selectboard: Bonnie Cray, Nate Pero, Jim Brigham

Visitors: Peter Stever, Mark Harper, John and Jonathan Blake, John Benjamin

Bonnie called the hearing to order at 9 a.m. Notices were sent out as required by law; they were warned, posted, and it was in the paper.

Testimony from the land owners (Peter Stever and Mark Harper): Understand that town, by giving up the road, would save the town some money; however, the main concern is the culvert, if owner needs to be responsible for taking care of the road the culvert is an issue because it washes out around it and don't believe it was put in correctly. Landowner does not want to maintain the culvert as it already has problems. The washout seems to be on the northern end of the culvert where there are no headers.

Mark has a Connecticut engineering group coming in to review the culvert. The road used to be flat and now due to the size of the culvert there is a large mound.

Mark and Peter requested that the Town get someone down from the state to the site to meet with the landowners, the engineers, and figure out what can be done to solve the problems at hand.

Mark would like the siltation problem taken care of. (It was stated also that you cannot alter the river bed.) The beaver continue to dam up the culvert, and while the landowners do not mind trying to take care of the beaver, they do not feel it is their problem to take care of the culvert.

The landowners would have to spend some money to keep up with this culvert when the old culverts did not bother. The landowners do not want to have to spend a lot of money to maintain the road to get over to their property on the other side of the brook.

It was requested by the landowners to the Selectboard that they postpone any decision until the state comes down to look at the problem as well as the Army Corp. of Engineers. Steve Jerome and Barry Cohoun will be contacted by the Town for a future meeting with landowners, selectboard, and road crew.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Submitted by,

Meredith Hartshorn
Selectboard Clerk