

Minutes of West Fairlee Selectboard January 17, 2011 Meeting

Present for the Selectboard: Bonnie Cray, Jim Brigham, Sharon Petersen, Beverly Ash, Delsie Hoyt

Visitors: Jon Molesworth, John Blake, Jonathan Blake, Violet Gadapee, Ann Stevens, and Geoff Gardener

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

- Visitors
- Approve minutes of January 3, 2011 regular board meeting.

Brigham makes a motion to accept the minutes for the January 3rd regular scheduled meeting, Ash seconded the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

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

- Building Committee Update

Currently the Committee is checking the references of the Architects. Interviews for Architects are planned for the 26th and 27th.

Hoyt makes a motion to Warn a special meeting for the 26th for the purpose of interviewing architects and that the Selectboard invite the building committee into an Executive Session, Ash seconds the motion and the motion passes unanimously.

- Conservation Commission Public Meeting February 10, 2011 at 7PM

There will be a public meeting for Bradford Forest at the referenced time at the Westshire School. The question was asked of the Board of how they will handle the Bradford decision for the potential sale of Bradford Forest. The consensus was that the Board will work from the results/reaction of the Public Meeting on February 10th at 7PM.

- Roads

- Signs for Brushwood Forest

Parking signs need to be put up for Brushwood Forest

➤ Heatherfield Road

Violet Gadapee from Heatherfield Road appeared to the Board to express her concerns about the plowing on said road and where the plowing ends.

The opinion was expressed that the issue should not be reopened and that this issue be tabled until the February 7th Regular Selectboard Meeting.

➤ Weight on Highway Bridges

This issue will be tabled until February 7th.

• Old business

➤ RFP Maintenance Person

There have been a lot of responses to the RFP Maintenance Person. It was discussed of how many hours this Person will work, how the work will be rendered, and what the budget will be for this person.

Ash makes a motion to hire Richard Chase as the Maintenance Person, Petersen seconds the motion and the motion passes 4 to 1 with Hoyt abstaining.

• New Business

➤ Town Plan Vote for Australian Ballot Warning

In response to a request from the Planning Commission, Ash makes a motion to put an article on the warning which reads “Shall the Town vote on the Town Plan by Australian ballot?” Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

➤ Town Report (set work session)

A Special Selectboard meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20th at 6PM.

➤ Set the Town Budget

The Town Budget was discussed.

Hoyt makes a motion to increase the Clerks salary by \$250, Cray seconds the motion, the motion passes 3 to 2 with Ash and Petersen abstaining.

The Library payroll is level funded this year as it was as last year. This is a correction from the December 20, 2010 minutes that stated “Library will go from \$3,140 to \$3,640”.

Vitals Statistics: Due to various concerns regarding some of the information on this document it will not be included in the Town report this year as suggested by the State.

➤ Lister Resignation

Dave Cushman has resigned from the Town Listers position. Hoyt makes a motion to accept, with great regret, Dave's resignation, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

It was also discussed to amend the description of the reappraisal reserve fund to reflect use of the Act 60 revenues from the State and deposited into this fund which are intended for both town-wide reappraisal as well as maintenance of the grand list. This could become an issue if the vacancies on the Board of Listers are not filled and an outside firm must be hired to assist in updating the Grand List.

Hoyt makes a motion to place an article on the Warning which reads Shall the Town amend the description of the reappraisal reserve fund to read "for costs of reappraisal of the town's grand list properties and maintenance of the grand list" Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

➤ 2011 Highway Mileage – Certificate

Tabled until February 7th.

➤ Selectboard E-mail Address

For various reasons, such as State Documents, a Selectboard e-mail address was established.

- Other business to be presented to the board that will be acted on at the next regular meeting

No new business was brought to the Board.

- Sign orders

Cray makes a motion to sign the orders, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

- Review Correspondence

There was no new correspondence.

- Review Town Financial Statements

There was a very good Financial meeting on Saturday January 15th. This meeting was attended by the Town Clerk and all members of the Selectboard. Petersen was able to attend for only a portion of the meeting.

- Action-items and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Heatherfield Road

Brushwood Forest

Highway Mileage

Weights and Bridges

- Up Coming Events

Bradford Forest Informational Meeting Feb. 10, 2011 at Westshire School at 7:00 p.m.

Special Selectboard Meeting Jan. 20th, 2011 to work on Town Report.

Special Selectboard and Building Committee Meeting Executive Session to interview Architects Jan. 26 and 27 at 5:00 p.m.

- Adjourn

Ash makes a motion to adjourn at 8:35, Brigham seconds, and the motion passes unanimously.