

Minutes of West Fairlee Selectboard December 6, 2010 Meeting

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

Visitors: Jim McDade, Delsie Hoyt, John Benjamin, Corey Paye

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

- Visitors

Benjamin attended the all day Energy Conservation Conference at Lake Morey. He stated that the States new requirement is to have the towns and cities have an energy efficient coordinator or even an energy efficient committee.

Benjamin is looking for people interested in being on an energy efficient committee.

Corey Paye came to report on the Bradford Forest and stated that the Town of Bradford voted to move ahead with the sale, pending the approval from the voters at the Bradford Town meeting. It was recommended to have a public meeting to make a decision that West Fairlee go ahead with the purchase of Bradford forest pending the Bradford votes.

Cray asked that Paye to set up a public informational meeting, to aid the town of West Fairlee in the decision of whether or not to add to the land that the town currently owns, in the Bradford Forest.

- Approve minutes of November 15, 2010 regular board meeting.

With minor edits to the minutes Brigham makes a motion to accept the minutes for the November 15th 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

The Building Committee and Selectboard have agreed to meet regularly while getting the Bid Documents ready for the Community Building. Thank you Delsie for all of you help!

The Selectboard will be attending and doing a work session with the Building Committee for all Building Committee warned meetings.

- Roads

- Letter to Benosh regarding driveways

Brigham will follow-up on the driveway regarding the letter from the selectboard.

- Work that needs to be done on Town Shed

The Blakes would like to hire someone to pour concrete in front of the salt storage repairing the apron in front of the building; as well as, around the poles holding the gate to make it more stable.

Brigham makes a motion to get the work done as requested by the Blakes that needs to be done on the town shed, Ash seconds the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

➤ King Hill Road Culvert

This will be followed up with the Blakes

➤ Austin Road

Cars on Austin Road are parked in the town right-of-way and town turn around which was expanded for the road crew to make it easier to plow the road. In order for roads to be plowed cars cannot park here.

• Old business

➤ Post Office Box Kiosk/Location

Brigham was not able to get through to the Postal Representative.

➤ Bond Counsel

Ash makes a motion to hire Paul Julianne as Bond Counsel at the cost of \$2,000, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

➤ Outside Audit

McDade stated that they have decided to go with Sullivan and Powers at a cost of \$8,000 the same company that did it last year.

Ash makes a motion that Sullivan and Powers to do the outside audit, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

• New Business

➤ Town Report

Discussion of what each of the Board will do on the Town Report. A work session will be called next week.

➤ Exploration of Emergency Generator Grant Info

The generator will be discussed after the budget is more finalized.

➤ Listers Camera

Brigham makes a motion for the Listers to buy a new camera for their work, Petersen seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

➤ Change Towns banking from Citizens to Merchants

The major reasons for switching banks is that with Merchants the town will not be required to do an outside audit every year and that the town can take a little bit on the Credit Line only when needed compared to having to take it all in one lump sum saving the town interest.

Cray makes a motion to go with Merchant's bank, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

➤ Two Rivers request for Energy Usage Info.

Ash makes a motion to allow Two Rivers to get the Energy Usage Info., Petersen seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

➤ Mowing Bids

Before the Board can make a motion on this they need to verify insurance information.

➤ Go w/Shaal for Design Plans

Petersen makes a motion to use Schaal to do an estimate for the Design Plans, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

➤ Estimates from Contractors

The board discussed what estimates they will need from different contractors

➤ Community Building Maintenance

Petersen will write a Request for Proposal for a part-time employee to handle the Community Building Maintenance.

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

Nate Pero submitted his letter of resignation as of November 30, 2010. With great regret we accept Nate Pero's letter of resignation.

- Sign orders

Brigham makes a motion to sign the orders, Ash seconded the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

- Review Correspondence

Survey of State Municipalities from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Boundary and Annexation Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau

Petersen makes a motion to sign the Town of Hanover Septage Disposal Agreement, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

Cray makes a motion to appoint Viola to help Rosalie with the Listers' position, Brigham seconds the motion, discussion followed for Viola to come in and talk with the Board as president from when Ash was appointed to the Selectboard and the motion resulted in an impasse.

Viola Farrar will be asked to come in and talk with the Selectboard regarding being appointed as Lister.

- Review Town Financial Statements

The Financial statements were reviewed at the last regular Selectboard meeting.

- Action-items and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Request for Proposal for Community Building Maintenance

Road Ordinance

Veteran Tax Exemption Paperwork

Budget Payroll

- Up Coming Events

➤ Budget meeting in November (Nov. 23, Dec. 7, Dec. 14).

➤ Neighborhood Watch December 15th – States Attorney William Porter will there at 6:30

➤ Building Committee joint Selectboard work session December 8th @ 7 p.m.

- Adjourn

Ash made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meredith Hartshorn, Selectboard Clerk