

Minutes of West Fairlee Selectboard May 16, 2011 Meeting

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

Visitors: Vickie Weiss, Corey Austin, Lisa Ordway, Willard Ordway, Kevin Dexter, Joyce McKeanan, Gacie Gahagan

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Beverly Ash

- Visitors

- Fire department

The fire department reported that, as of the fall, the West Fairlee First Response Team will no longer be able to operate under the umbrella of Upper Valley Ambulance. As a result, the fire department is pursuing the paperwork to get a license to act as the First Response Team and they will be posting a legal notice required for this license in the Valley News

The selectboard will make a formal action on this topic at the next regularly scheduled meeting, after speaking directly with Sarah Blanchard.

- Orange County Court Officers

Vickie Weiss and Joyce McKeanan, the new Orange County Side Judges, are visiting all Selectboards in the County to introduce themselves and answer questions. The Side Judges also discussed an area meeting regarding the County budget which will be held in September for any person to attend if they wish.

- Approve the minutes of May 2, 2011 regular board meeting and May 9, 2011 special board meeting.

Cray makes a motion to accept the minutes for the May 2, 2011 regular board meeting and May 9, 2011 special board meeting, Brigham seconded the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

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

- Building Committee Update

The design phase of the Community Building renovation project is at the point where the Town must move forward with scheduling a Special Town Meeting for the Bond Vote. Hoyt explained this vote will be by Australian Ballot so absentee ballots will be available. In addition to being posted around Town, the warning must be posted in the Journal Opinion for three consecutive weeks. An informational meeting regarding this vote will be held on Thursday June 16th at 7 p.m. at the Community Building. An additional informational meeting will be held earlier in June, the date and time to be announced.

Hoyt described the Special Town Meeting/Bond Vote documents which were prepared by Certified Bond Counsel, Paul Giuliani.

Cray makes a motion to adopt The Resolution of Necessity Concerning the Community Building Renovations; approve the warning of a Special Town

Meeting to be held on June 21st, 2011, and the Ballot to be used for the Bond vote, Hoyt seconds the motion and the motion passes unanimously.

The Selectboard reviewed a proposal from Tom Barden, a consultant recommended by the architect and engineer to do the cost estimating required for the project.

Hoyt makes a motion to accept the proposal from Tom Barden for the estimating the cost of the Community Building renovations, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

- Roads

The board discussed the VTrans structures grant and the fact that if the Town waits to apply for these their chances will go up for getting the grant next year as opposed to applying for it this year.

The Blake's bill was discussed by selectboard and Hoyt is going to call to discuss it with them further.

The Treasurer brought to the Board's attention that it had not formally approved the increased hourly rate for the road contractor's dump truck due to fuel costs exceeding \$3.50 as stipulated in the contract. To correct this oversight, Hoyt makes a motion to increase the hourly rate on the dump truck from \$70 to \$75 due to gas price increases with the understanding that if prices go back down so will the rate, Brigham seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

- Old business

- contract with Central VT Humane Society/dog issue

This has been a success and Velcro the dog that brought this topic on has been adopted!!

- John Penney's proposal

Cray makes a motion to sign the Mechanical Engineering proposal for the Community Building renovations from John Penney, Hoyt seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

- Dog License Letters

Letters to residents with unlicensed dogs have gone out and various people have either been in to either register their dogs or have called regarding them. This topic will be tabled until the next regularly scheduled board meeting at which time judicial fines may be imposed.

- 911 Coordinator

The selectboard discussed a gentleman who may be interested in the position pending information from the board.

➤ Lease Contracts for Community Building

Amendments to the lease agreements suggested by Town Attorney Gillies in view of the Community Building renovations were reviewed by the selectboard. A few additional questions were raised and Hoyt contact Gillies for guidance. This topic will be tabled until the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Enforcement of Junk Ordinance – Paul Thomas called regarding getting his property cleaned up. He is working on it and is addressing the issues raised in the letter the Selectboard sent him.

• New Business

➤ Two Rivers-Ottauquechee appointment

Brigham makes a motion to appoint Skip ~~Wood~~ Brown as representative to the Two Rivers Ottauquechee, Hoyt seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

➤ Look into appointing a new Selectboard member

The topic was discussed however was tabled until next regularly scheduled meeting.

➤ Letter of Intent for VTrans Shed

Brigham makes a motion to sign the annual letter of intent to continue the lease of the VTrans/salt shed property, Cray seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

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

A tenant of the Community Building would like to know when the building will be mowed and cleaned up. A call has been put into the Lawn Care person.

The Green up trash was discussed and it is being addressed with the waste company.

It was discussed to set up another policies meeting to continue to update the Town information, the policies meeting is set for Monday May 23rd.

• Sign orders

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

• Review Correspondence

The Upper Valley Land Trust sent a Correspondence regarding their annual meeting

• Review of Town Financial Statements and Journal Entries

To be reviewed and commented on at the next regular meeting.

- Action-items and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Lease Contracts for Community Building
Look into appointing a new Selectboard member
Dog License letters
911 Coordinator
First Response Team

- Up Coming Events

- Policies Meeting – Monday May 23rd at 6 p.m.
- Building Committee Information Meeting – Pending Date and Time (early June)
- Informational Meeting regarding Bond Vote – Thursday June 16th at 7 p.m.
- Bond Vote via Australian Ballot – Tuesday June 21st from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Adjourn

Brigham makes a motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM, Hoyt seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Meredith Hartshorn, Selectboard Clerk