

MINUTES
Special Selectboard Meeting
Joint Session with Fairlee and Thetford Selectboards
Monday August 11th, 2014

Present: (due to a scheduling mix-up, Fairlee Selectboard did not attend) Beverly Ash, Cory Austin, Fred Cook, Marilyn Dresser, Delsie Hoyt

Visitors: Thetford Selectboard: Stuart Rogers, Mike Pomeroy, Donn Downey, John Bacon
Tri-Town Lake Fairlee Committee: Nancy Anderson, Skip Brown

Hoyt called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and immediately turned to meeting over to Donn Downey who briefly summarized the Tri-Town Lake Fairlee Committee's activities over the past year and recapped the first community meeting regarding restoration of the Lake Fairlee Dam. Downey emphasized that there will be additional community meetings on the project ; most likely one in each Town over the course of the Fall.

Downey summarized a Power Point presentation which illustrates the direct economic impact which would be felt by each of the Towns' tax rolls if lakefront property values were to fall. The Committee has also worked with lawyers from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to develop an interlocal agreement -- a legal frame work for joint ownership of the dam -- which would oversee the restoration and maintenance.

Engineering for the replacement dam is being completed, and the project will soon be ready to go out to bid so that a possible bond vote scheduled for Town Meeting would be base on real numbers. The contract would be awarded contingent upon financing; each Town would individually arrange its own financing.

An open discussion ensued. Downey will circulate his Power Point presentation to the other Selectboards. Skip Brown will circulate the latest draft of the interlocal agreement for each Selectboard's review and comment. A next step will be to schedule informational meetings in each Town. Cook, also a member of the Committee encouraged all to keep their ears open in the community and pass along questions and concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.