

Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday April 1, 2013

Present: Beverly Ash, Cory Austin; Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt
Visitor: Franklin Sovoleski, Pike Industries

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Cook moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2013 regular meeting with minor corrections; Austin seconded; approved.

Visitors

Franklin Sovoleski from Pike Industries summarized the paving work to be done on VT Route 113 this summer. Pike expects to erect signage and make other preparations the first week of May; paving will begin after June 18th; and the project is expected to be finished by mid-August. Much of the road surface will be ground and reclaimed; reprocessed and mixed with stabilizing concrete; followed by two layers of asphalt. Underdrains will be added in trouble spots. Pike also wishes to park a construction trailer on the salt shed property on the Crossroad for the duration of the project. Location for the trailer was discussed. Cook will contact Jonathan Blake and get back to Sovoleski if necessary.

Annual appointments:

State paperwork for the Town Service Officer was signed. Hoyt informed the Selectboard that Mike Fanizzi has resigned from the Tri-Town Lake Fairlee Study Committee. Cook, who also serves on the Committee, will try to find a replacement. Cook noted that there will be meeting for engineers interested in bidding on the preliminary analysis of the dam structure.

Roads:

Cook moved that the Town hold over the lease on the VTrans salt shed property for an additional year; Austin seconded; approved. A letter to that effect was signed to be returned to VTrans with a copy sent to the Assistant Attorney General. New Highway Codes and Standards, adopted at the previous meeting, were signed and will be forwarded to VTrans. Hoyt informed the Selectboard that she had responded to VTrans' notification regarding centerline marking.

A highway maintenance contract and bid solicitation developed by the Town of Fairlee was reviewed. Revisions to reflect West Fairlee's needs were discussed including term, scope of services, and administrative requirements. Hoyt shared additional information gleaned from Maine bid solicitations and will circulate those examples to the rest of the Selectboard. Vermont Local Roads has offered to review and critique preliminary drafts.

Hoyt suggested that the Selectboard schedule a "site visit" to develop a bid solicitation for paving of Beanville and Wild Hill. The recommendations of the Vermont Local Roads paving

engineer will be consulted to mark areas to be ground or “reclaimed” versus areas which only require overlay.

Old Business:

Cook and Austin will schedule a meeting with Jonathan Blake regarding site work needed to relocate the recycling depot to the Crossroad.

Architect Jay Barrett has proposed that the Town schedule a meeting with contractor G.R. Porter and Sons to settle on a start date and schedule for Community Building renovations. Logistical issues such as moving the Town Office and notifying tenants can be ironed out at that time. Hoyt noted that interim financing documents are being drawn up by our municipal bank.

Maps for the Village Center Designation renewal application have been requested from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning.

After further discussion of the impact of renovations on the 2013-14 Community Building leases, Austin moved to increase the rental rates by 2%; Cook seconded; and the motion was approved. The current and past three years’ lease documents have included a clause regarding renovations to the building and have warned tenants that they might have to vacate the building during some phases of construction.

New Business:

Per the request of the Town Treasurer, Ash moved to transfer \$25,000 from the Tax anticipation note; Austin seconded; approved.

The Red Cross is holding a Small Shelter Initiative training in Orford on April 20 at the Congregational Church. The Rivendell School District is collaborating with Fairlee and Orford on this program; Samuel Morey and Rivendell Academy will become community shelters. The Selectboard is working toward having a similar arrangement with Rivendell for the Westshire School. Once approved, the Red Cross would provide the Town with cots, flashlights, and other emergency equipment at no charge.

Ash moved to sign the orders; Austin seconded; approved.

Hoyt encouraged Selectboard members and other members of the Board of Civil Authority to attend a property tax appeal workshop which will be held on May 7th and the Lake Morey Inn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.