

**MINUTES**  
**West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday April 15, 2013**

Present: Beverly Ash, Cory Austin, Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt  
Visitors: Jim Hafford, Candy Malinoski, Corey Paye, Peggy Willey

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

**Minutes:** Cook moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2013 regular meeting as presented; Ash seconded; approved.

**Financial Statements** will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**Reports of Town Officers and Committees**

**Conservation Commission:** Corey Paye and Peggy Willey appeared to present the Conservation Commission's annual project/ working budget. The CC will not blaze boundaries in 2013, but will walk boundaries to keep on top of what is happening on the property and repaint existing blazes where necessary. Paye noted that the trail maintenance line item reflects the in-kind contribution of labor, equipment, and materials by the ATV Clubs not actual cash outlay by the Town. The CC is monitoring success of last year's "cut and treat" of invasive plants by Redstart Forestry; will be consulting with County Forester Paganelli on future logging road placement; and plans several educational programs and speakers for the coming year. Peggy Willey highlighted the CC's collaboration with other area Commissions, and updated the Selectboard on the upcoming Trees for Streams project planned in cooperation with the Town of Thetford's Conservation Commission. The program will involve school children from Rivendell as well as other community volunteers.

Hoyt moved to approve the Conservation Commission's 2013 working budget; Cook seconded; approved.

**Cemetery Commission:** Candy Malinoski presented the projected working budget for the Cemetery Commission. Bids were solicited for cemetery mowing and stone cleaning planned for the summer; and fences repair is ongoing. Cook moved to approve the Cemetery Commission's 2013 working budget; Ash seconded; approved.

**Forest Fire Warden:** Jim Hafford asked for the Selectboard's endorsement of his recent appointment as Forest Fire Warden, effective July 1. Cook moved to accept Hafford's appointment as Forest Fire Warden; Ash seconded; approved.

**Roads**

**Town Highway Maintenance Contract:** Vermont Local Roads is reviewing the Selectboard's draft of the new highway contract. Hoyt will forward VLR's comments and suggestions when received for discussion at the next meeting.

**Specifications/Bid process for Class II Road grant:** Scheduling for site visit to Beanville Road and Wild Hill was deferred until the next meeting.

**Other:** VTrans' Bridge Reports have been received. They noted that the Crossroad Bridge needs to be resurfaced and curb slots filled; headwall "armoring" is advised on other structures; and noted improvements to the Beanville Bridge headwall following Irene.

### **Old Business**

**Transition of recycling location:** Cook and Austin met with the Blakes last weekend to discuss lay out and gate at the salt shed property on the Crossroad. The community will be notified of the change, effective May 4<sup>th</sup>, through emails, postings, and sandwich boards. Trash hauler More Waste Solutions will move as well. The need for a regular attendant to open and monitor recycling was discussed; Hoyt will talk with More Waste. Green Up coordinator, Julie Paye, was also notified of the change.

**Building renovation plan:** Tenants have been informed of the renovation start date of Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup>, and have been advised that the first two weeks will be particularly noisy due to cutting cement. While underway, contractor G.R. Porter plans to erect a temporary wall to keep the building secure. Town Clerk Rhonda Cook will continue to require access to land records in the temporary vaults and will relocate to the other end of the room. Entrance to the Town Office will be through the side door on the left of the building facing the park. Key Communications is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> to move computer, phone and satellite wires. Joe Sampson will be scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> to move the office. Hoyt will check options for air conditioning.

**Other:** Renewal application for Village Center Designation will be ready by May 6<sup>th</sup>; Two Rivers is assisting with map updates to reflect the new parcel maps and changes in use. 2013-14 Community Building Leases are being prepared.

Hoyt will attend the Red Cross Small Shelter Initiative training in Orford NH on April 20. Under this program, Orford and Fairlee are collaborating with Rivendell Academy and Samuel Morey Elementary, respectively. A similar agreement for the Westshire School was discussed.

### **New Business**

Hoyt reported that she had been approached by a candidate interested in the position of Selectboard Clerk. The candidate's resume has been circulated and she will be invited to interview at the next meeting.

Ash moved to sign the orders; Hoyt seconded; approved

Ash moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm Cook seconded; approved.