

**Minutes**  
**West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday August 19, 2013**

**Present: Beverly Ash, Cory Austin, Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt**

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

**Minutes:** Fred Cook moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2013 regular meeting and the August 12, 2013 special meeting; Cory Austin seconded; approved.

**Roads**

**Better Back Roads Grant** – State grant review has been delayed, a determination should be made shortly.

**Wild Hill/Beanville paving** - Downings have returned the easement for the ditching and culvert work adjacent to their property. Wild Hill will be closed on Wednesday to put more material on the road to prepare for paving the last week of August or early September.

**Robinson Road** – Fred Cook and Delsie Hoyt met with Andy and Kathy Lory regarding replacement of a Town culvert which crosses their property. They don't want a swale, but will allow the Town to replace what's there. A ledge opposite Lory's house blocks right of way drainage to a point further down the road.

Mark Harper is having work done on the end of his driveway; he will ask the contractor to freshen the water bar on Robinson Road above the driveway.

**Austin Road** – has been graded. Bev Ash reported a problem with silt washing from a culvert off Austin Road into her back yard. Cook and Hoyt will take a look at it.

**Wild Hill** - Fred Cook and Jonathan Blake met with Bill Richter regarding two driveway access permits on Wild Hill. Cook reported that, because of the topography, there were no special conditions required for the permits. Cory Austin moved to approve the two driveway access permits for Bill Richter; Fred Cook seconded; approved.

**Old Business**

**Community Building Renovations** There was a snafu on height and design of the interior window for the Town Clerks office. The correct window has been ordered and the change should not increase costs.

Wiring is underway. T-12 fluorescents lights are being phased out. The change to more energy-efficient T-8's requires re-balasting the existing, interior fixtures at a cost of approximately \$1,500. The other option would be to install LEDs but that requires replacement of the fixtures at a cost of \$5000-6000. Bev Ash made a motion to go ahead with the upgrade to T-8 lighting;

Cory Austin seconded; approved. Hoyt noted that the new exterior fixtures called for in the renovation plan will be super-efficient LEDs.

**Police Coverage** - Fred and Delsie met with Sheriff Bill Bohnyak. Changing the contract to run on a calendar year will assist budgeting and even out patrolling hours. Bohnyak explained how the number of hours the Town pays for under contract are augmented by Federal grants for DUI and safety programs. Future invoices should include quantify these additional “free” patrol hours. The Selectboard now has contact information for the lieutenant who does the scheduling so that we can be proactive in telling them where we want the coverage.

Cory talked to the Thetford Police Chief; they'll be adding another part time officer to their force. The Chief will put together a proposal for the Selectboard regarding coverage in West Fairlee.

**Delinquent dog registration list** – Most are in; there are only a couple of stragglers.

**Sheldon Miller Fund** – Town Attorney, Paul Gillies is reviewing the probate document, but sees no issue with using the fund for educational purposes and will write a letter to that effect.

#### **New Business**

Cory Austin moved to approve a transfer of \$7,298.07 from the Capital Expense Note to the General Fund to cover Invoice #4 from Porters; Fred Cook seconded; approved.

Cory Austin moved to look for a Recycling Attendant/Monitor (3.5 hours two Saturdays a month at \$15 per hour); Selectboard members can substitute occasionally & bill the town for the hours; Bev Ash seconded; approved. A possible candidate has been identified.

#### **Other Business**

**Red Cross Small Shelter Initiative** - Westshire School appears to be the best option for a full-service shelter. Bev Ash will contact Rivendell's Gary Collins regarding required paperwork. Delsie Hoyt will get back in touch with the Red Cross regarding possible training dates.

**West Fairlee Signs** - Fred Cook noted that the Welcome to West Fairlee signs need refurbishing. Johnny Johnson did these; Bev Ash will call him about restoring them.

**Municipal Planning Grant** - Chris Sargent from Two Rivers is on vacation, but will be in touch about developing the municipal planning grant when he returns.

Bev Ash moved to sign the orders; Fred Cook seconded; passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.