

Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday December 2, 2013

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

Visitors: Jonathan Blake

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

Bev Ash moved to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2013 regular meeting; Fred Cook seconded; approved.

Review Financial Statements

Financial statements indicate that the Town budget is on target for the end of the year.

Roads

A culvert on Jennings Road near Michael Shea's needs to be replaced next spring.

The Selectboard reviewed the 2014 Highway budget in consultation with Jonathan Blake. Few changes are expected

The accounting and invoices for the Class 2 Road Grant reimbursement (VTrans form TA65) were examined. With a total project costs of over \$210,000, under the 80/20 cost share the Town will be able to request the maximum award of \$175,000. Fred Cook moved to sign and submit the reimbursement request; Corey Austin seconded; approved and signed.

Old Business

Update: Community Building Renovations - One or two things are still pending, and a couple of bills haven't been received or paid, but the job is essentially done. The paperwork from Merchants Bank to roll the Capital Expense Line of Credit over into a conventional loan should be available to sign at the next meeting. The total is around \$196,000.

Recycling - Delsie will take care of getting resident permits/stickers.

New Business

FY2014 Budget development - Most of the work is done; there are only a few line items to revisit including law enforcement and capital funds.

Orange County Sheriffs Department: proposed 2014 contract was deferred pending a quote from Thetford Police Department to augment patrol hours. The point was made that the Town needs to have a contract for someone who will show up when the state police aren't available.

Dog bite complaint – Provo's dog on the Branch Road bit the postal carrier, who was delivering a package. Their two dogs are not registered this year, and one of them did not have a rabies shot this year. Fortunately the one that bit him had been vaccinated. Per our ordinance, they need to be sent a certified letter; and the incident recorded and filed at the Town Office.

Also, there have been multiple calls on Dakota Rowell's dogs running loose in the village, stealing suet balls. The dogs are not licensed; a certified letter needs to go to him as well.

Fire Department/Rescue Squad news – Cory Austin applied for the Bernie Sanders grant which paid for people to take EMS classes. Three people from West Fairlee took the EMS class, and it assisted Cory in the paramedic class he's taking. Will Ordway took and passed the class, got his advanced registry, and is now state licensed as a certified EMT. The Selectboard congratulates Ordway on his achievement and thanks him for his service to the Town.

Bonnie Cray, Marilyn Dresser, and Beverly Ash are going to the Red Cross training for setting up and running the Town's emergency shelter.

Fred Cook moved to sign the orders; Cory Austin seconded; approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.