

Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Special Meeting
Monday January 28, 2013

Present: Beverly Ash, Cory Austin, Delsie Hoyt

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Jonathan Blake called Hoyt discuss salt and sand use. Frequent small storms and icing events is depleting stockpiles. Members of the Board expressed reluctance to question Blake's judgement in applying sand and salt on bus routes; and agreed with Blake that some conservation measures could be undertaken, particularly on flat, straight terrain.

The 2012 Selectboard Report was reviewed. Austin moved to approve the report as presented; Ash seconded; approved.

The Selectboard reviewed a petition calling for a Rights of Nature amendment to the Vermont Constitution. The Selectboard referred to guidance from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns which notes that Selectboard are not obligated to include petitioned article if it does not "set forth a clear right which is within the province of Town Meeting to grant or refuse through its vote." Wording of the article was seen as problematic. Approval compelled the Town to petition unidentified persons; and Hoyt noted that the process to amend the Vermont Constitution emanates from the Vermont Senate, not through petitioning by Towns. Ash moved that the petitioned article not be included in the Town Meeting Warning; Hoyt seconded; approved. Hoyt will follow up with Peggy Willey who delivered the petition to the Town Office and will provide a copy of that correspondence to the Town Moderator.

The Selectboard reviewed the final draft of the Town Meeting Warning. Ash moved that the Selectboard approve the 2013 Town Meeting Warning which includes the sum of \$474,520 to be raised by taxes; Austin seconded; approved. Hoyt will ask Town Clerk Rhonda Cook to record and post the warning tomorrow morning.

Ash moved to adjourn at 5:30 pm; Austin seconded; approved.