

Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday June 2, 2014

Present: Bev Ash, Fred Cook, Marilyn Dresser, Delsie Hoyt

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Fred Cook moved that the minutes of the May 19, 2014 regular meeting be approved as corrected; Marilyn Dresser seconded; approved.

Hear and act on reports of Town Officers

Delinquent Tax Collector, Rhonda Cook, reported that all delinquent tax accounts have been turned over to the tax sale attorney, and a tax sale would be held the first part of July 2014. Attorney fees will be added to each delinquent tax account after today. It was not stated how many properties were involved, but all of the owners have been notified multiple times that this would happen.

Review Financial Statements

The Treasurer, Rhonda Cook, also circulated the year to date financial statements. Cash flow is looking good so far; we have not had to draw on our line of credit yet. The next statement will be halfway through the year and will give us a better idea of year-end projections.

Roads

Robinson Hill water bars/Harper driveway - John went down and cleaned out the water bars just in case there was going to be more rain to take the rest of the driveway out. Jonathan has done preliminary work on it, but we probably owe Mr. Harper some hardpack for his driveway, since it was pretty obviously our problem.

Driveway access request on Wild Hill Road – Fred Cook will go look at it with the landowner and Jonathan. There are safety and logistical issues that need to be solved with the intersection, the stream, the bridge, and the bottom of the hill. Action deferred until after site visit.

Blood Brook near the Brushwood corner – There is a hole there that needs to be filled. Water level in ditch needs to be addressed to help correct this perennial problem.

Bid for the Cross Road paving - We need to know what Jonathan's timing is for replacing the culvert so we can get the bid out for this.

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

Unregistered/unleashed dogs – Bev attended the VLCT dog policy enforcement seminar, and said it was excellent. There are some changes coming in July, and our dog ordinance may need to be revisited to comply. While most dog owners already comply with the laws and ordinance, there are a few chronic offenders.

Butch spoke to Cory about Dakota Rowell's dog still running at large. He's gotten one registered letter; it's time to send another letter and then ticket him. The Town Clerk has turned over the list of unregistered dogs; we need to send them letters to start the process of fines and tickets.

Old Business

Repaint of Welcome signs – Delsie has not heard from Russ Priestly, so she'll contact him again.

E911 progress/private road names – The state would like to see more consistent progress on corrections to the E911 addressing. We've had a request for new addresses on Beanville Road. The Crossroad cannot have two names; Thetford owns both ends and calls it West Fairlee Road. In addition, Cross Street, off of Cross Road, is too similar in name and poses a risk of sending emergency personnel to the wrong area. Since numbering must be sequential across Town lines, it may make sense to hire Thetford's E911 Coordinator to do the whole road (she's willing). Another area the State E911 Board wants addressed is Aloha Hive; the streets off from Wilson Hill need to be named and the cabins need to be numbered. Delsie will contact the Aloha Foundation about this. The Town Clerk submitted a report to the state for our E911 Coordinator that they absolutely had to have. Bev Ash moved to rename Crossroad the West Fairlee Road to match Thetford's name and signage, as required by the State E911 Board; Marilyn Dresser seconded; approved.

Lighting: Re-ballasting in upper hall & stair well – Two similar estimates for the job were received. Bev moved to hire local electrician Mike Mann, seconded, approved. Joe Sampson need to be contacted to fix the window cracked by snow last winter in the infant room. Delsie will let the library know as soon as she knows when the window replacement project for the front portion of the building is being done.

Update: Village Center planning event – Two Rivers Regional Planning is preparing a notification out yet for the June 26th meeting; Delsie will follow up to get this flyer out ASAP.

New Business

Utilization of the library - There was a discussion of ways to better utilize the library and increase patronage. Hoyt noted that the Selectboard has no policy jurisdiction over the Library; Library Trustees dictate its staffing, hours, and operation. It was also noted that additional Library Trustees are needed; currently they do not have a quorum.

Other Business/Agenda Items (to be acted on at next regular meeting)

Review and update town dog ordinance w/info from Bev's seminar

Driveway permit

E911 progress

Update: Planning for future Town-wide composting

Voter checklist: We were informed that there is someone on our checklist who is not a resident; the Town Clerk as election officiant will be informed, and the Board of Civil Authority may need to challenge/purge the list before the next election.

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, June 26th, 6 p.m. Village Center design/planning

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.