

Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday March 17, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Cory Austin moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2014 regular meeting as emailed: Bev Ash seconded; approved.

Visitors/ Hear and act on reports of Town Officers and Committees

Election of 2014 Chair – Cory Austin nominated Delsie Hoyt for Selectboard Chair; Fred Cook seconded; Hoyt was elected unanimously.

Review mowing/trimming bids – Bids were examined from Bill Hodge and Tim Godfrey, the only ones received by the deadline. Cory Austin moved to accept the low bid from Bill Hodge; Marilyn Dresser seconded; approved.

Slate of 2014 appointed officials – Fred Cook moved to accept the slate of appointments as presented; Cory Austin seconded; approved.

Procedures/timeline to fill vacancies in elected positions - Vacancies include 2 listers and 5 library trustees. They need to be advertised as vacancies along with vacancies in the appointments (a fence viewer, and the animal control officer).

Update re: Riverbend chain saw safety program in Brushwood Forest – via email, County Forester, Dave Paganelli clarified that he has marked low quality, low value trees to be cut in this program, which will improve the timber value of the stand. Using Brushwood Forest for this purpose goes along with the Conservation Commission's policy of promoting education and outreach. Hoyt noted that Riverbend's Certificate of Insurance is still current.

Completion of Records Preservation -- Rhonda is going to have Cotts come; they are willing to scan the rest of the town's records that can be scanned back to 1926 for a pittance in order to have a town up and running completely.

Roads

Update re: structures grant for Crossroad Bridge - Discussion of application will be part of the meeting with VTrans' Chris Bumps. Blocking the curb slots as recommended in the bridge inspection reports is not difficult, and could be rolled into the project. Delsie has emailed Chris to set up the meeting but hasn't heard back yet.

VTrans annual highway grant - There's nothing to be done until the meeting with Chris Bump.

Update re: Bloodbrook line marking – What the State does is limited to Class 1 and 2 roads, but they sent a list of contractors who can do it for us. We can decide when we make our summer roads plan whether we want to pursue it and with whom.

Pothole on West Fairlee Road – Can it be filled with a temporary fix?

Old Business

Update: Community Building window replacement – Oakes came and measured. Their recommendation for window configuration is a little different from LaValley's. The maximum height for replacement windows is 84"; those on the front of the building are 89". To maintain the look and proportion of the front façade, the least expensive fix is to do them like a “transom” window, where the top portion is fixed. Options for placement of the library windows was discussed – reducing the number from 2 to three as well as the overall size. We may have something concrete to look at by our next meeting.

Patch and paint of rental space - We don't have an estimate yet, but we potentially have someone interested in renting it.

New Business

Replace Listers' computer monitor - Their computer monitor died; it will be replaced within the next day or two.

Rate increase for building maintenance services - Joe Sampson, our handyman, is raising his rates to \$27 an hour, up from \$25. Bev Ash moved to accept the increase; Fred Cook seconded; Approved.

Liquor Licenses: B&B Market requested to renew their liquor and tobacco licenses, and Middlebrook Restaurant requested to renew their liquor license. Cory Austin moved to sign the licenses; Fred Cook seconded; approved and signed.

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

- Summer roads plan (barring another foot of snow)
- Replacement windows (carry forward)
- Meeting with Chris Bump

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

Upcoming Events

- Rivendell Annual Meeting – Tuesday March 18th, 6:30 p.m.
- Municipal Day March 31 for Selectboard members

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm.