

Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday March 3, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Bev Ash moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2013 regular meeting as emailed; Fred Cook seconded; approved.

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

The Health Officer received a complaint about rental housing in town (chronic frozen water and unreliable heat) and made a visit, filled out the Health Department forms, and sent the appropriate registered letter to the landlord. If there are not further complaints, no action is required at this time.

Review Financial Statements (previously emailed 2/26)

Fuel expense for the Community Building is trending below the past two years at this time, surprising considering how cold the weather's been, but the walls were insulated in the renovation. Efforts to conserve salt seem to be working, too; we are doing better than the previous two years at this time.

Roads

Research structures grant for Crossroad Bridge - It looks like we could request a grant to grind the asphalt on deck of the bridge and include in the proposal new guardrails called for in several VTrans Bridge Inspection Reports. The Inspection Report also recommends closing up the curb slots, which deteriorate the undercarriage of the bridge. Best practices for this may be a question for the meeting with the VTrans District #4 person.

Availability for VTrans District #4 review/meeting - Monday or Tuesday late (4:30 or 5 pm) usually works for most. Delsie will call Chris Bumps and set it up.

Summer Roads planning meeting: Jonathan Blake will be invited to a regular Selectboard meeting in April.

Vermont Local Roads Program - There's a bill before the legislature to replace Vermont Local Roads (VLR) with a VTrans Training Center. Many of the Towns who use VLR oppose this change. Hoyt will provide testimony to the House & Senate Transportation Committees in support of Vermont Local Roads.

VTrans for road striping - If we go ahead with our plans for paving Crossroad this year we need to notify VTrans for road striping so they know to come and do it. It would probably need to be fairly late in the season, because there's a culvert that needs to be replaced first. Cook asked whether it would be possible to get centerline marking on Bloodbrook.

Old Business

Review/approve E911 job description/agreement - Fred Cook moved to approve and sign the E911 job description/agreement; Cory Austin seconded; approved.

Patch and paint of rental space - Terry Cook will give us a bid; other bids would be welcome.

Deadline for mowing bids - Three bidders have expressed interest; they should be delivered to the Town Clerk before 3:30 p.m. March 17th or delivered in person to the Selectboard that evening promptly at 6 p.m..

New Business

Begin development/contact for slate of appointed officials - The list of appointed officials was divided up to contact and see if the incumbents would continue to serve.

Library window replacement – Sheila will be on vacation in mid-June, so that will be the ideal time to replace windows. We have a preliminary estimate from LaValley's for the windows and installation (solicited for budgeting purposes); Hoyt will approach Oakes; A brief RFP will need to be developed for accurate comparison.

Decorating the newly renovated office - People have been asking when the office is going to be decorated and pictures hung on the wall. It was suggested that we could order some of the old DeBeers Atlas maps (available online) of Fairlee/ West Fairlee (Walls 1857 and Beers 1877) and frame them and put them up.

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

Mowing bids

Bev Ash moved to sign the orders; Cory Austin seconded; approved.

Review Correspondence

Two Rivers clarified their involvement in the Act 250 process, should it ever arise.

Upcoming Events

Municipal Day March 31 in Montpelier for selectboard members.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.