

**MINUTES**  
**West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting**  
**Monday November 19, 2012**

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

**Visitors:** James Hafford; Jen Shatney; Isla, Eli, and Owen Manon; Jamie Masterson; Meadow and Nolan Yvon.

The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

**Minutes:** Austin moved to amend the November 5 minutes to identify the defibrillator donor as Norumbega Montshire Trail Riders; Ash seconded; approved. Cook moved to approve the approve minutes of the November 5, 2012 regular meeting, as amended; Austin seconded; motion approved.

**Visitors:**

Jim Hafford, addressed the Selectboard concerning his appointment by the State to the vacant Fire Warden position. Hoyt moved that the West Fairlee Selectboard endorse Hafford's appointment as Fire Warden; Austin seconded; approved.

Young members Paws and Hooves 4-H club requested permission to sell holiday evergreen swags at recycling on December 1<sup>st</sup> and perhaps also December 15<sup>th</sup> if there is demand. Club members presented an example to the Town; and described how funds will be used to enable club members to participate in the Poultry Show at the 2013 Eastern States Exposition. The Selectboard unanimously approved the fundraiser and commended the children on their public speaking and hard work.

**Roads**

Responding to a question from Jonathan Blake, the Board affirmed its earlier decision to replace a Middlebrook driveway culvert which has caused extremely hazardous ice build-up during previous winters. Hoyt also noted guardrails were just installed on the Marsh Hill bridge so that project is complete.

**Old Business**

Following up on a previous discussion, Austin reported that Upper Valley Ambulance does not maintain a contract with Town it serves. Hoyt pointed out it is an essential service and there are not viable alternatives at this time.

**New Business**

**Community Building Renovations:** Following up on the recent bid opening for the first phase of Community Building renovations including the public records vault, Hoyt distributed examples of capital improvement financing alternatives for periods of 3 or 4 year and amounts around \$200,000. While the Town has not formally accepted any bid, the apparent low bidder

came in at \$199,000. The Selectboard discuss financing options further over the course of developing the budget.

**Summer Grounds Maintenance:** Since the Town's experience has been that most contractors do not carry sufficient insurance, Hoyt suggested that Billy Hodge be asked to submit proposals for 3 to 5 years period.

**Budget discussion:** Discussion of payroll budget line items was deferred until the forthcoming VLCT state-wide compensation survey is received. Via email, the Town Treasurer urged the Selectboard to include additional funds under law enforcement to cover the expense of Hanover Dispatch. The budget committee will be discussing the highway budget and cap funds at its November 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Violation of Junk Ordinance:** Ash presented photographs of a property on Stevens road which appears to have several junk cars and other debris laying around in violation of the Junk Ordinance and a complaint has been lodged by an abutting landowner. Hoyt asked whether the vehicles were unregistered. Citing past attempts to enforce Town ordinances, Hoyt recommended that correspondence with the homeowner be specific about violations. noting that For example, citing general "construction debris" would mean many homes are in violation and the ordinance must be applied evenly. Ash moved that she be allowed to draft a letter for the Selectboard's consideration at the next meeting; Austin seconded; approved.

**Septage Disposal Agreement:** Austin moved to renew the agreement with the Town of Hanover for septage disposal by businesses operating in the Town of West Fairlee; Cook seconded; approved unanimously.

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

**Adjournment:** Ask moved to adjourn at 7 p.m.; Austin seconded; approved.