

## **West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting Monday September 1, 2014**

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

**Absent: Marilyn Dresser**

**Visitors: Jim McDade, Doug Sonsalla**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Cory Austin moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented; Fred Cook seconded; passed.

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

- Jim McDade addressed the Selectboard, to say that several of the lights in the upstairs hallway are burnt out. The Selectboard has already hired an electrician to replace the ballasts and are waiting for an opening in his schedule. Since the ballasts are bad, there's no point in replacing the bulbs; they'll just blow again. The window for the infant room has been ordered, and when it arrives, maintenance person Joe Sampson will replace it and do a few other odds and ends that need to be done.

- Jenn Shatney – She asked Delsie to pass along that the Journal Opinion is doing a feature article on the work that's being done on the cemeteries - stone cleaning and other sprucing up. A few people have mentioned how nice the village cemetery looks. They're doing a great job, a little at a time.

- Conservation Commission - Fred Cook moved that Cleo Kearns and John Boutin be appointed to fill vacancies on the Conservation Commission; Cory Austin seconded; passed.

- Lake Fairlee Dam informational meeting – The committee has suggested these meetings be scheduled to coincide with a regular Selectboard meeting night. October 6 at 6pm was chosen, after the Selectboard's regular 5:30 meeting. Delsie will get back to the Committee to see if this date works for scheduling meetings in other Towns.

- Doug Sonsalla joined the meeting to inform the Selectboard that the Bean Hall Study Committee would like to tour Bean Hall to review earlier engineering reports and last fall's Fire Marshall assessment. Hoyt explained that liability coverage under the vacant building insurance policy is very limited; those entering the building must have an official capacity, i.e. committee members and consultants. Sonsalla noted this was a public meeting. Hoyt suggested the committee discuss its findings in a meeting immediately following the tour.

### **Review Financial Statements (next meeting)**

#### **Roads**

- Status Driveway Access Permit – Zambito, Scrabble Hollow – Fred Cook looked at the property, but didn't see any stakes to indicate where they wanted the driveway, so nothing has been done yet.
- West Fairlee Road: tentative resurfacing schedule and historic structure determination – Delsie talked to Tim at BlakTop; they are planning to do the resurfacing on the 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, and will mill the bridge prior to that. The State determined that the bridge is "historic" but currently there is no guardrail retrofit that meets current codes and standards. The State will come before the work starts to document the bridge in photos, but no other special work will be required.

#### **Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement**

- Status unregistered dogs/dog complaints – There's just 1 left, and the owner has received two letters, so she is due for a Judicial Bureau ticket. Bev will follow up on this.
- Consider changes to Dog Ordinance to conform with new laws - The Selectboard reviewed a draft which incorporated new language suggested by VLCT based on changes to the dog registration laws passed last year by the legislature. Several changes were discussed including more explicit

procedures and a fine schedule for non-compliance. A revised draft will be acted on at a future meeting.

### **Old Business**

- E911 progress - Mary Ellen Parkman has finished the West Fairlee Road, and was checking in to make sure the new road name has been approved and asked the Selectboard to review the letter she normally sends out to the homeowners with the change of address.
- Status building maintenance tasks; grading of front lot - covered under visitors
- Memo of Understanding with Library and Historical Society re: liability and casualty coverage - As recommended by municipal insurer PACIF, drafts of leases for both the Library and the Historical Society were presented. No money will exchange hands, the documents simply clarify that the Historical Society is required to have its own liability coverage and it establishes that its collection is not covered under the municipal casualty policy. As a Town "agency" the Library does fall under the Town's liability policy, but casualty coverage of books and computers is a decision of the Library Trustees and must be purchased separately through PACIF. McDade noted that there are a few items stored by the Historical Society which belong to the Town. Hoyt suggested these might be enumerated in the Lease document.

### **New Business**

- Delegates for town fair of the league

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

- Dog Ordinance
- Lease for Library and Historical Society

**Sign Orders** - No orders because of the holiday

### **Upcoming Events**

- GUVSW Scrap Metal/Tires Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>, at VTrans garage /recycling center, West Fairlee Road (Crossroad)
- Lake Fairlee Dam Informational Meeting tentatively scheduled for October 6th at 6pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.