

Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2020 6pm

Present: Beverly Jo Ash, Fred Cook (*via Zoom), Bruce Durkee, Delsie Hoyt, Steve Malinoski
Clerk: Nina Schwartz

The meeting was called to order by Delsie Hoyt at 6pm from Town Office via Zoom video/tele-conference.

Minutes of the July 20th meeting were reviewed. Steve made motion to approve minutes as amended, Bruce seconded; unanimously approved.

Organizational

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

- TriTown Commission:
 - Steve reports having trouble dialing into recent Zoom meeting. Heard parts of the meeting through Jessica Eaton. Had lots of trouble listening and following along
 - Voted in new Chair; Jessica Eaton is Vice-chair
 - Fairlee Dam:
 - Guy Scaife (Thetford Town Manager) wants to dig sinkhole. Steve opposed, due to liability; Jessica paraphrased Steve's sentiments. Steve followed up with an email on his position
 - Dam inspection possibly being done this week
 - 2019 report noted seepage, but did not note it needed to be corrected at that time

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries

- Town building liability insurance: Steve questioned amount budgeted v. paid YTD. Delsie explained it is a timing issue w/taxes and is not unusual at this point

Roads/Land

- Roadside mowing:
 - To begin soon, contract updated with Murdo Limlaw and is identical from last year
 - Bev made motion to renew, sign and approve contract, Steve seconded the motion; unanimously approved
 - Johnathan Blake recommends starting on Beanville Rd., then go to Blood Brook Rd. and finish remaining contracted time elsewhere
- Bruce commented his appreciation to Johnathan Blake for doing such a great job on road cutouts throughout town for water drainage, which significantly helped to minimize issues with recent heavy rain
- Bev commented Tiger grading Austin Rd; not authorized
- 2019-2020 Grant In Aid project/Bear Notch: completion plan
 - Culvert that needs to be replaced (up beyond trailhead) identified w/Johnathan
 - Steve suggested checking to see if VASA can partner with Westshire ATV Club to help with some machinery for repair; discussion followed, uncertainty with doing so and proper process for billing and payment
- Paving proposals: in process

- Delsie discovered of approximate cost of \$2500-2700 for one mile of road marking on pavement for Blood Brook Rd. (Class 2 roads are done biennially by the State) Not supported by SB at this time

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- COVID-19 response: no new reported unmet needs, cloth masks from VEM (approx. 170)
- New VT State ATV law:
 - Everyone riding ATV must wear helmet and have liability insurance
 - Any ATV ridden on property other than personal property must have VASA membership sticker
 - To be mentioned to Thetford Police for assistance with future enforcement
- Blood Brook Rd.: Delsie has requested the Thetford Police Dept. to increase speed control patrols due to increase in complaints
- Engine hoist/improper motor oil disposal on Roberts Rd. complaint: letter sent to property owner

Old Business

- Community Building water supply/investigate amendment of water source permit to increase daycare census:
 - Steve spoke with Nate, who spoke with Scott
 - Currently 25 people in source permit; will need update if increasing by 10 people
 - Steve sent email to Nate, SB wants to max out allowable amount to avoid revising further
 - Waiting for estimate on cost, meanwhile after SB discussion, Steve to contact Nate to proceed
- Compliance with food scrap collection: Delsie to check w/Jonathan Blake, in process
- EC Fiber Board representative: pending, no further action taken to date

New Business

- Process Excess Weight permits: none

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

- Set Tax Rate (GL to be lodged no later than August 15th)

Sign Orders

Bev made motion to sign orders, Bruce seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

Review Correspondence

Upcoming Events

- Thetford affordable housing committee, August 13th, all welcome to attend
- VT Primary, August 11th

Beverly made motion to adjourn meeting, Steve seconded; unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.