

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, January 16, 2023, 6pm**

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

Visitors:

Clerk: Nina Schwartz

The meeting was called to order by Delsie Hoyt at 6:05pm from the Town Office and via Zoom.

Minutes of the January 2, 2023 selectboard meeting were reviewed. Bruce made a motion to approve meeting minutes, as corrected; Bev seconded; unanimously approved.

Organizational

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

- Conservation Commission: Brushwood North planning presentation, scheduled for 2/6

Review Treasurer's Financial Statements/Journal Entries – emailed by Treasurer, circulated to SB members via email prior to the meeting

- 2023 budget: Minor changes due to incoming budget requests:
 - Tri-Town budget has decreased slightly
 - UV Ambulance has slightly increased
 - West Fairlee Fire Dept. has requested a nominal increase
- Capital Budget Planning: in progress
 - Refine 5-year draft plan Highway stage completion – still in progress, continued detailed discussion had
 - Community Building access and ongoing repairs/improvements

Roads/Land

- Local Bypass Grant: available for application. Discussion had on the use of such grant and if application should be submitted; under consideration

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- Town website: reviewed additional content added
 - Emergency preparedness and resources
 - ARPA project/survey results
 - Bean Hall Study

Old Business

- ARPA Funds: Community survey results reviewed. Will be shared with residents on Town website before the public input forum on 1/30, at 7pm (Town Building and via Zoom).
- Community Building: access modification, landscape architect, and lighting/led retrofit - all topics under review/pending

New Business

- Cotts System cyber event: response planning in the works once this event is resolved state-wide
- Town Report: discussed report format options and costs, draft content for Selectboard report

- Moderator appointment: Bruce made motion to appoint Sean McIntyre as Town Moderator, Steve seconded; unanimously approved
- Opioid settlement: \$180 payment received
- Excess Weight Permits: two received
- Steve Fifield: notified SB of report of Community Building fire safety inspection/assessment. Steve commented about possibly obtaining water sensor alarm

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

Review correspondence

Sign Orders

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

*Note reduced fuel price

Upcoming Events

- Orange County Funding Resources Meeting: 1/23 in Bradford w/State agencies, GMED, etc.
- Regional Shelter Training-VEM/TRORC: TBA

Bev made motion to adjourn meeting, Fred seconded; unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.