

**Approved Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday, November 2, 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 6:00pm from the Town Office via Zoom video/tele-conference.

Minutes of the October 19th meeting were reviewed. Bruce made motion to approve minutes as noted, Bev seconded; unanimously approved.

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

- Conservation Commission:
 - Peggy Willey reported to Delsie the gate at Brushwood Forest is being repaired
 - Organizers are also needed for community based ‘window dressers’ for energy efficiency project

Review Treasurer’s Financial Statements/Journal Entries – emailed by Treasurer

- Hanover Dispatch rate increase:
 - Delsie has confirmed accuracy in increase with Treasurer
 - Nina Schwartz (resident) made suggestion for SB to send letter requesting Hanover Dispatch for details/explanation that can be shared with residents
- Fuel expense running under budget
- Tax sale/property management budget: \$20k surplus to not be spent; there to reimburse account from off-budget expenditure from last year for clean-up of Beanville property
- Office expenses are slightly over budget YTD, but was known and due to computer replacement needed and tech support fees
- Joe McPherson to draft 2021 budget to help begin forecasting

Roads/Land

- Fred made comment on improvements needed on asphalt patching of road (overall). He suggests patching more often and filling two layers might be better. Grading seems to help
- 2021 annual town highway aid and Class 2/structures grants: will not be available now until 2022. Town highway aid one-time increase
- Grant in Aid 2021 project completion deadline extended from June 30 to October 15, 2021
- Better Roads grant:
 - funding date uncertain, probably implement 2022
 - Has not been applied for for last 2 years
 - What project would we apply it to? Beebe Pond, by Manley Hill, Blood Brook Rd. To be further considered
- Grant In Aid 2020: requisition submitted \$6,024 (80% of Bear Notch & Beaver Meadow Rds. projects)
- Submission of MRGP ‘amendment’: ANR survey for road erosion inventory, charged \$240 processing fee
- Community building driveway/parking lot drainage: pending, may be postponed until Spring
- Beaver dam on Middlebrook Rd: (between Steve’s property and Stever Farm) Johnathan to consult with Patrick Ross to see if it will be approved

Public Safety/Ordinance Enforcement

- General discussion COVID-19 response: unmet needs? – none at present
- Thetford Police: speed enforcement ongoing
- Excessive temperature found in Historical Society room in Community Building. ARC Mechanical called, discovered and remedied issue

Old Business

- Community Building maintenance projects:
 - Building permit required from DF&S for window replacement project (% ADA upgrades may be required)

New Business

- Appointment of representative and alternate to the ECFiber Board:
 - Six candidates interested - Jenn Avery, Steve Atwood, Allen Moats, Adam Doszkocz, Kent Siggers, Jim Hughes
 - Bev made motion to appoint Steve Atwood and Allen Moats as representatives. Fred seconded; unanimously approved
- Excess Weight permits: two received and processed by Delsie

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

Sign Orders

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

Review Correspondence

Upcoming Events

Bev made motion to adjourn meeting, Bruce seconded; unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.