

Minutes of West Fairlee Selectboard February 20, 2012, Meeting

Present for the Selectboard: Delsie Hoyt, Jim Brigham, Fred Cook, Bonnie Cray, Beverly Ash

Visitors: Wayne Blake, Steven Robinson, Don Long, Mike Fanizzi, Corey Paye, Skip Brown

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Beverly Ash

- Visitors

- Wayne Blake re. Brushwood Forest

Mr. Blake, who owns property abutting the new addition to Brushwood Forest, was concerned with the tone of the letter he received from the Selectboard regarding access to his property. Mr. Blake believes that he and others that go to his camp have been good stewards of the land that he didn't believe that he cut down any trees that were on the Town of Bradford or Town of West Fairlee's property. Hoyt apologized if Mr. Blake was offended, but explained the Town was obligated to enforce and inform him of the terms of the new Easement with the State of Vermont.

Read from a clarifying letter from County Forester, Dave Paganelli who confirmed that the Stewardship Plan would allow Blake to cross the Brushwood Forest property for logging and stewardship practices on a case by case basis. However, routine access to the camp cannot be allowed. Conservation Commission member Corey Paye agreed with this interpretation of the Stewardship Plan. Mr. Blake agreed to approach the Selectboard for permission in the future.

- Mike Fanizzi

Mr. Fanizzi came with two issues. He is concerned that the last reappraisal was done incorrectly and that the same company has been contracted to reappraise this coming year. He asked that the Selectboard require the appraisers to read the deeds and visit each property. It was also suggested that there be some kind of penalty if the appraisers do not do this.

Mr. Fanizzi also expressed concern about the three Town's considering taking over the management of Lake Fairlee. Mr. Fanizzi understood that the Lake be set up as a special assessment area possibly subject to additional tax. Mr. Fanizzi would like to know from this Town why the Selectboard feels they should do this.

Cray stated that she feels that the Lake Fairlee Association has done a wonderful job and that the lake means a lot to all the town's. Hoyt clarified that the purpose of consulting with VLCT's Jim Barlow was to understand the full range of options for working together; from leaving things as they are to more complex inter-municipal agreements.

Fanizzi stated that he felt responsibility for maintaining the Lake should be borne by all taxpayers and all those that use the Lake not just those who own frontage.

- Minutes: Cray makes a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2012 regular board meeting, Hoyt seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.
- Hear and Act on the Reports of Town Officers and Committees

- Conservation Commission: Corey came to discuss the removal of a trailer from the Brushwood Forest. The Board outlined procurement policies, and Hoyt will forward Paye the administrative/insurance requirements for the RFP. Paye also asked about burning portions of the trailer, and it was suggested that the CC consult with the Fire Department regarding permits and procedures. The Selectboard will need to review any contract developed by the CC.
- Roads
 - There have water issues on Back Street as well as on Wild Hill that have all been cleaned up. There have also been some frozen culverts on Blood Brook. Ash made a comment about a good pot hole on Cross Road.
 - Hoyt suggested getting Mark Bannon to provide an update and plan for the Marsh Hill Bridge at the March 19 or April 2 meeting.
 - Roads will be posted later this week due to the unusually warm weather.
- Old business
 - Grant for Liability related items: To be tabled for the next regularly scheduled meeting.
 - Emergency Water Mitigation Grant: Hoyt emailed Kevin Geiger, TRORC and Barry Cahoon, ANR Stream Engineer for further guidance.
 - Census Corrections: The boundaries have been corrected and submitted. The Selectboard will now request a review and correction of the 2010 Census for these areas. There were at least five homes along Route 113 and Beavermeadow that appear not to have been included
 - Building Maintenance: Cray received the quote from Trumbull-Nelson, however, it will be requested to Trumbull that they resubmit their estimate to reflect fiberglass doors vs. wood doors.
 - Town Report Review: The Town Report has received some negative feedback regarding the type size. However, the new printer cut costs significantly and special attention will be paid to make the report better in the years to come.
 - 911 Coordinator Ad: The ad will run in the Journal Opinion for the Feb. 22 issue.
 - VTrans inspected the Irene projects and approved them and the payment is in process.
- New Business
 - Appointing of Town Financial Accounts Second Signer: Ash makes a motion to appoint Delsie Hoyt as second signer for the Town Financial Accounts, Cray seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.
 - Treasurer will be transferring \$50,000 from our Tax Anticipation Note to our general fund: Cray Makes a motion to for Treasurer will be transfer \$50,000 from our TAN to our general fund, Hoyt seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

- Budget - Prep for Informational meeting: The selectboard prepared for the information meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Hoyt makes a motion to Warn the Informational Meeting in regard to budget, Cook seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.
- Lake Fairlee Recap: A range of options were brought to the three-town meeting. The Selectboard will appoint two representatives to the exploratory committee. Fred Cook is interested in serving.
- Investment Policy: Cray printed off two policies one from the League and one from a neighboring town so as to review and edit accordingly to fit the needs of the Town of West Fairlee. It was recommended that there be a special meeting for this review and editing.

- Other business to be presented to the board that will be acted on at the next regular meeting

Recycle Bins: Cray talked with Beth from Moore Waste in regard to having a key as she is always here and she can open the bins when she comes to pick them up.

Hoyt discussed that the recycling needs to be monitored due to the fact that persons are still recycling incorrectly and leaving their trash on the ground.

- Sign orders: Brigham makes a motion to sign the orders, Ash seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.
- Review Correspondence
- Review of Town Financial Statements and Journal Entries: To be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Action-items and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Appointments for March 19th
 Grant for Liability related items
 Emergency Water Mitigation Grant
 Census Corrections
 Building Maintenance

- Up Coming Events

Budget Information Meeting ~ Thursday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.
 Town Meeting ~ Saturday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m.
 Vote by Australian Ballot ~ Tuesday, March 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- Adjourn

Brigham makes a motion to adjourn at 7:30 PM, Cray seconds the motion, and the motion passes unanimously.

Respectively Submitted,

Meredith Hartshorn, Selectboard Clerk