

Minutes
West Fairlee Selectboard Meeting
Monday September 17, 2012

Present: Beverly Ash, Cory Austin, Fred Cook, Delsie Hoyt

The Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Minutes: Cook moved that minutes of the September 6, 2012 regular Selectboard meeting be approved as presented; Austin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Roads:

Marsh Hill Bridge project: The bid opening is scheduled for this Wednesday at 1 p.m.. The Selectboard will meet in special session following the staff review of bids. Any questions should be directed to Engineer Mark Bannon.

Vermont Local Roads technical assistance: Site visit is tentatively scheduled for October 17th.

Driveway Ordinance: Following review and discussion of the current ordinance, it was decided that changes were not needed at this time. A legal opinion sought during Tropical Storm Irene confirmed that driveway permits do not convey any rights and the Selectboard has absolute control of the Town's right of way.

Regional Highway Safety forum: Hoyt summarized the event. A variety of data is collected by the State and law enforcement which may be useful to Town's seeking technical assistance and/or grants for improving highway and safety signage.

Asphalt Crack Seal: Hoyt will contact NICOM to schedule two days of crack sealing as provided for in the highway budget.

Old Business:

Illegal burning ordinance: The model provided by VLCT has been reviewed; a fines structure must be developed. Due to recent changes in the law, a draft of the ordinance should be reviewed by VLCT prior to publication.

New Business:

Annual Line of Credit (LOC): Treasurer Rhonda Cook confirmed that property tax receipts to date are sufficient to pay off the annual LOC. Ash moved that the Town pay off Merchants Bank annual Line of Credit in the amount of \$100,000 plus accrued interest; Austin seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Regional review of Town Plan: Hoyt moved that the Selectboard request TRORC review the newly adopted town plan for regional conformance; Cook seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Orange County Sheriff's Department: Cook moved that the Town continue its contract with the Orange County Sheriff's Department for \$8,500, the same level as last year; Austin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Outside Audit for FY2012: Austin moved to engage Sullivan & Powers to conduct an audit of the Town's FY 2012 finances; Cook seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. Hoyt will contact Sullivan & Powers to schedule the audit for early January.

Tri-Town Lake Committee: Cook provided an update of the committee's activities and answered questions regarding data collection related to frontage and values of lake property held by each Town.

Sign Orders: Ash moved to sign the orders; Austin seconded; and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Ash moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:43 p.m.; Cook seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.