

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2014**

Members present: Jim Benoit, Steve Gutowski, Loretta Lawrence, Sally Torrey, Jim Warden

Town officials present: Gloria Warden Town Clerk, Garrit Smits Town Treasurer, Bessie Sessions Town Agent

Visitors present: Sheriff Don Keeler, Kurt Plank, Mike Muir, Bob McNary, Bill Sullivan, Gerald LaBerge

1. Chairperson Loretta Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Addison County Sheriff, Don Keeler is present to discuss the current contract with the department. He has five officers on the road on any given day. He says they try to be in the communities when residents are away for the most part. They do four hour shifts and start at 6:00 A.M. and end at 7:00 P.M. they are currently contracted to 17 towns. Jim Warden states we are looking for some selective enforcement in problem areas for traffic control. Kurt Plank states the problems on Old Hollow Road are morning commuters, with times being any where from 6:15- 6:30 to 7:30- 8:00. Sheriff Keeler responds that after a few minutes of sitting somewhere, everyone slows down due to flashed headlights warning drivers of their presence. 156 tickets were paid for the year 2013 in Ferrisburgh. The current judge is a bit more lenient so the Sheriff advises we need to have the traffic survey and speed ordinances on file. Kurt asked Jim W. to do a speed survey when the weather gets a bit warmer, hopefully May, to compare with the one done a few years ago. Jim agrees to set that up. The Sheriff also has a speed cart available for use. Kurt states he would rather not have them at the same time as he would like a comparison from the previous study. The sheriff thought that ACRPC had money at one time to purchase flashing speed signs for communities to use. There has been discussion about reducing the speed limit in the Hollow to 30 MPH.
3. **Select board Old Business:**
 - a) Garrit and Pam will be working on a reserve fund balance policy and hope to have something to present at the next meeting. Garret states he learned where to look for info at the treasurer's workshop he attended last week.
 - b) Parking Ordinance: tabled. John has been quite busy with the roads and he and Jim have not had the opportunity to meet to work on it.
4. **Select board New Business:**
 - a) Appointments:

Planning Commission: Jim W. made the motion to appoint Anne Cohn to a 4 year term. Steve G. seconded, all in favor.

Conservation Commission: Steve G. made the motion to appoint Dennis J. Armell to a 4 year term. Jim B. seconded, all in favor

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Tree Warden: Jim B. made the motion to appoint Clifton Mix to a one year term. Jim W. seconded, all in favor.

ACSWD: Steve G. made the motion to appoint Robert Peisch to a one year term. Jim W. seconded, all in favor.

Energy Committee: Jim B. made the motion to appoint Ralph Shepard to a one year term. Jim W. seconded, all in favor.

Town Grand Juror: Jim B. made the motion to appoint Betsy Etchells to a one year term. Jim W. seconded, all in favor.

- b) MS Bike ride- August 2 and 3, 2014: Tabled to develop some guidelines and have the parking ordinance in place.
- c) Flex spending change request: The employees made a request to raise the cap to \$2500.00. Steve G. made the motion to raise the cap on the flex spending account from \$1500.00 per year to \$2500.00 per year, paid entirely by the employee thru weekly payroll deduction with no town contributions. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

5. **Approve minutes** of March 18, 2014 meeting: Jim W made the motion to accept the minutes of March 18, 2014 as written. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

6. **Select board to approve or sign:**

- a) Select board warrants: Steve G. made the motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$1,445,198.29. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.
- b) Approve advertising for vacant positions and places to advertise: The add is all ready in the Addison Independent and will be posted on the town website and placed on Front Porch Forum.
- c) Liquor license Basin Harbor Club: Jim W made the motion to sign the six liquor licenses for Basin harbor Club. Jim B. **seconded, all in favor and all signed.**

7. **Public Comment:**

Bob McNary asked why Richard Hiscock was not reappointed to the Energy Committee. Gloria explains his letter was submitted in February and misplaced and would be in the next packet.

Board chose to do the appointment under other business.

Carl Cole is not present, he called to say he would have info for the next meeting on the speaker system and Union Meeting Hall.

Bob McNary quotes state statute approved sidewalks must be maintained.

Garrit Smits asked if speed bumps had been considered for the Hollow. Response was they are a hazard to the plows in the winter and too noisy in the summer.

Mike Muir asks for a Union Meeting Hall boundary update. Town attorney is recuperating and hope to have movement on it soon. He asks if we would consider moving the warrants to the end of the meeting as he gets bored waiting for us to go thru them.

8. **Correspondence: (from)**

- a) VLCT Spring select board Institute registration April 12: No one will be attending.
- b) UVM Extension-Conferences April 9 Gloria and Garrit will be attending. Office will remain open.
- c) VLCT PACIF – Model Drug & Alcohol Policy for Commercial Vehicle Operators revision update.

d) David Schlansky letter from March 24, 2014

9. Other business:

Jim B. made the motion to extend the contract on Route 7 and 22A property with Redstone for 6 months, thru October 2, 2014. Steve G. seconded, all in favor.

Steve made the motion to add \$1250.00 to the health care deductible fund for Garrit. Jim W. seconded, all in favor.

Jim B. made the motion to appoint Mike Muir as fence viewer for a one year term. Steve G. seconded, all in favor.

Jim W. made the motion to appoint Richard Hiscock to the Energy Committee for a one year term.

Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

Steve discussed the plan by legislature to reduce the amount paid, in lieu of taxes, to towns that host ANR lands.

He also discussed the shoreline zoning working its way thru the senate. He suggested our planning commission should adopt interim zoning by laws that meet or exceed the state laws to retain control by the town as to what happens on the shoreline.

Jim B. made the motion to authorize John Bull to sign Highway permits, curb cuts, driveway applications, right of way applications, overweight permits, and permits, work orders and applications pertaining to the new town Highway Facility.

Steve G. seconded, all in favor.

Jim B. made the motion to obtain a town credit card with a spending limit of \$2500.00 and John Bull the only authorized user for needed purchases which we do not have a town account for, authorizing Garrit to obtain said card from Citizen's Bank. Steve G. seconded, all in favor.

We asked Garrit to look into opening an account with Foster Motors for future needs.

10. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Sally Torrey