

**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

**Visitors present:** Bill Clark, school board chairperson, Bob McNary, Bill Sullivan, Mike Muir

Loretta called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the transfer of school property to the town select board in anticipation of school consolidation. The consensus is consolidation is coming and with it many unknowns concerning local control.

Bill states the school board has been in discussion concerning the assets and the transferring of these assets. Presently their discussion involved land not currently in immediate use by the school, as the building and parking. After further discussion, Bill will bring back to his board options for transferring all real property to the town.

There are many unknowns, we are unsure of how to transfer. We don't know who would control before or after consolidation. The one thing we all agreed on was, the school board and the select board, for the taxpayers of the town, want to maintain local control of the property. We will seek legal advice on moving forward on this from VLCT. Bill will contact the Vermont School board association to research any consequences this might have on bonding or other negative impacts.

Steve Gutowski made the motion for the Ferrisburgh Select Board and the Ferrisburgh School Board and the residents of the Town of Ferrisburgh to pursue transferring the real property currently under School Board control to the Town of Ferrisburgh.  
Jim Benoit seconded, all in favor.

Bill will ask the school board to make a similar motion at their next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully submitted  
Sally Torrey