

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
May 21, 2013**

Members present: Loretta Lawrence-chair, Jim Warden, Jim Benoit, John DeVos and Sally Torrey

Others present: Silas Towler, Gail Blasius, Louise Porter, Steve Wark, Carl Cole, Bill Sullivan, Bob McNary and Bessie Sessions.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Public Comment

Louise Porter from the Vermont Public Service Board and Steve Wark from VT Gas are present to discuss the proposed gas pipe line going along Plank Road into Vergennes. They are interested in the Town's concerns about the pipeline. Steve says that with the changes in the natural gas market that it is now more affordable and this raises the need for more access to the gas. They are trying to follow the VELCO route to reduce the impact on the land. The houses along Plank Road can hook onto the line if they want to. There would be a 6 inch pipe similar to a water line in the road right of way. The pipe is installed to code to insure safety. VT Gas will pay the first 200 feet of distribution line to the houses. Jim Benoit asks why they don't go down Route 7 where there is more demand. Steve replies that there are more risks along RT 7 with all the traffic and it is shorter along the VELCO line. Loretta Lawrence asks if this has been approved. Louise replies that it is still undergoing Public Service Board review. They have sent notices to the impacted landowners and will provide training to the fire department. The Selectboard thanks Louise and Steve for their information.

Carl Cole reminds the Board that the tower on the Union Meeting Hall still needs work. He wonders what their plan is. There is \$2500 left in this year's maintenance budget and \$2000 from the Cross Roads Chapel. The Board should send an RFP for the work soon. Silas and Carl will work on an RFP. The Board thanks Carl.

Hall Rental

The Historical Society would like to use the upstairs meeting room with the fees waived for a showing of a Ferrisburgh Historical Film made for the 150th anniversary of the Town on June 15th.

Jim Warden moves to approve the use of the upstairs meeting room for the Historical Society with the fee waived on June 15th; second by Sally Torrey. So voted. Jim will get a movie screen for the event.

Silas thanks the Board for the work being done by Garrit Smits on the cemeteries. Also the Rokeby's new building is open and very nice.

Alice Bachman is interested in being the minute taker for Planning and Zoning. She would like to attend Planning and Zoning meetings.

The Ethics Policy is tabled until next meeting.

Glass for closing in the Office Wall.

Jim Benoit called Avonda, who designed the air handling system for the building, to check the specifics of the systems on the first floor. Their opinion was that closing the top of the wall would affect the heating and AC in a detrimental way. The Board thanks Jim for the information.

Window Washing

Silas and Carl will get a phone number for a window washing person. Silas noticed that the back porch also needed cleaning. The cleaning person will be notified.

Minutes May 7. Jim Benoit asks about the Soter culvert. It was for the Town and was paid. The rims were bought at a lawn sale without a receipt and Sally has discussed the VMERS billing, and Loretta called the surveyor about the Town Shed survey. Jim Warden moves to approve the minutes of May 7; second by Jim Benoit. So voted with John DeVos abstaining.

Minutes May 14. Sally Torrey will sign the minutes. Jim Benoit moves to approve the minutes of May 14; second by Jim Warden. So voted with John DeVos abstaining.

Warrants

Sally Torrey moves to approve the warrants with the exception of RR Charlebois and Parker until they are clarified; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Jim Warden moves to authorize Loretta Lawrence to sign the letter requesting an extension of the time to complete the Grand List; second by John DeVos. So voted.

Other Business

Bill Kipp would like a letter stating the action taken by the Selectboard at a meeting at his camp at Long Point about moving rocks in the Town ROW. Jim Warden will write a letter to Mr. Kipp.

Sally made the motion to enter executive session at 8:05 to discuss personnel. John seconded, all in favor.

Jim W. made the motion to leave executive session at 8:56. John seconded, all in favor.

Jim B. made the motion as of July 1, 2013 the Town of Ferrisburgh will cover current employees for a two (2) person medical plan. John seconded, all in favor.

Jim W. made the motion, As of July 1, 2013, all newly hired, full time employees for the Town of Ferrisburgh will be offered a single person medical plan. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

John made the motion to set the following wage rates as of July 1, 2013:

Paul Bodington-\$18.26 per hour
John Bull-\$23.71 per hour
Pam Cousino-\$18.73 per hour
Chet Hawkins-\$19.25 per hour
Aaron Schondube-\$17.85 per hour
Tim Warner-\$17.34 per hour
Ken Wheeling-\$22.00 per hour
Jim B. seconded, all in favor

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chet Hawkins
Clerk