

Town of Ferrisburgh  
Special Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2013

Selectboard Members present: Loretta Lawrence-Chair, Sally Torrey and Jim Benoit  
Schoolboard Members present: Dave Tatlock, Bill Clark, Chris Kayhart, Katie Boyle and Julie Gramling

Others present: JoAnn Taft Blakely, Anne Cohn, Amanda Kennedy, Andy Kirkaldy, Bob McNary, Carl Cole, George Gardner, David Ambrose and Kurt Haigis

The meeting is called to order at 6:32 p.m.

The purpose of the joint meeting is to discuss the possible purchase of the Clark Hinsdale property located next to the school and town office. Clark has sent a letter to both the school and town saying he would like to sell the property. There is a discussion of possible uses for the property. There are wetlands on the property. The Boards would like to form an exploratory committee to meet with Clark to discuss the purchase.

Bob McNary says that the rural schools in this area have about 6 to 7 acres and Ferrisburgh has 26 acres; which seems to him to make it unnecessary to purchase more land for the school. The school has other issues that need to be fixed first. Perhaps the school should transfer the excess land to the town in case another Unified Union proposal should come up. The land is more valuable to the town than the school.

The Schoolboard will contact Clark and let the Selectboard know the results.

The school would like the Town Meeting and other voting to be removed from the school due to the tragedy in Sandy Hook Mass. The Board would like to meet with the BCA to discuss the possibility of moving the voting location for future votes.

There needs to be better communication between the boards and the townspeople. Perhaps Front Porch Forum or the Back Pack Express could be utilized more effectively.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the catering permit for Cody's Irish Pub at Kingsland Bay State Park on August 17, second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

The meeting is adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chet Hawkins Clerk