

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH  
SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
August 20, 2013**

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

Others present: Bob McNary, Bessie Sessions, Gordy and Jeanette Myers, John Bull, Norman & Nadia Smith, Deborah Paolantonio and Bill Sullivan

The meeting was called to order at 7 P.M.

**Public Comment**

Bob McNary, PACE, discusses signing the agreement to authorize the PACE program. The Board thanks Bob.

Deborah Paolantonio from the Crossroads Chapel would like to use the upstairs meeting room for a Christmas play. It will be free to the community and she would like the fee waived. They plan on about 50 to 60 people.

Sally Torrey moves to allow the Crossroads Chapel to use the upstairs meeting room for a Christmas play with the fee waived but not the damage deposit; second by Jim Warden. The vote is 4 yes John DeVos no, motion passes.

Nadia and Norm Smith are present to ask about the road construction next to their house on Fuller Mt Road. There is some discrepancy in a survey over the description of the road width; is it 3 or 4 rod? John Bull, road forman, explains that the town is widening the road between their house and the cemetery across the road. They can't move closer to the cemetery so they are going, in the town right of way, two feet closer to their house. The new widened road will be 24 to 26 feet wide to allow a vehicle and a school bus to pass safely. They will raise the road to blend with their lawn and driveway and raise their culvert also. John will mark the widened road tomorrow or Thursday. Nadia's stone wall is a concern to her, John said that his family rented the farm and the wall was field stone that was placed there.

**Old Business**

Sheila McGregor's dogs. Jim Warden will meet with the State Trooper to discuss what action to take. Scott and Lisa Brace, neighbors who run a day care, would like to know how many animals are at her house and if they are registered and have had their rabies shots. The Humane Society has visited the house. Bob McNary would like the Town to do something to protect the dogs. The Town should get a search warrant to check on the animals.

Bernie Dam ditch issues. The Board has talked with the Town Attorney about the proper course of action. They will send a certified letter to Mr. Dam explaining the problem and solutions to start the process and give him 15 days to respond.

Jim Benoit moves to send a certified letter with a bill and a 15 day response time; second by John DeVos. So voted.

**New Business**

There was a bike ride that closed Avery Road and delayed traffic on Hawkins Road that was not approved by the Selectboard. The bike riders show no respect for the rules of the highway. They should talk with the Board before their rides. The Board would like a file started for bike ride request letters. The Road Forman would like a parking ordinance that would allow vehicles to be towed if they are blocking the road. Bob McNary, TAC rep, will bring up the issues at the next Regional Planning meeting. John will get a parking ordinance for the Board to review.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the minutes of August 6; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the minutes of August 13; second by Jim Benoit. So voted with Jim Warden abstaining.

John DeVos leaves.

Jim Benoit moves to approve the warrant; second by Sally Torrey. So voted.

Sally Torrey moves to sign the Ethics Policy; second by Jim Warden. So voted.  
Sally Torrey volunteers to do the distribution of the ethics policy next meeting.

#### Public Comment

The Board discussed Other Items.

The Board will send a letter to the employees about their insurance policy.

The Board will have Cliff Mix, Tree Warden, inspect the trees at the Union Meeting Hall.

#### Other Business

Sally Torrey moves to have Regional Planning to do an Engineered Traffic Study at Old Hollow Road; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Mike Quinn, Blue Cross Rep, will be invited to the next meeting.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chet Hawkins  
Clerk