

**Town of Ferrisburgh Selectboard
Special Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2014**

Members present: Jim Benoit, Steve Gutowski, Sally Torrey, Jim Warden (6:30)

Town officials present: John Bull, Garrit Smits

Public present: Neil Allen

1. **Call to order**

Steve Gutowski called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. **Selectboard to approve**

The HEN OF THE WOODS- WATERBURY LLC, submitted an application for request to Cater Malt, Vinous, and Spirituous Liquors for a wedding at Kingsland Bay State Park September 20, 2014.

Jim Benoit made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Sally Torrey. Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1-absent. Motion passed.

3. **Selectboard to approve**

The warrant for Vermont Life Safety LC for: \$609.60, which was not approved at the regular Selectboard meeting September 16, was discussed. Steve Gutowski was provided explanations of past billings and work provided by VLS LC by the town office staff. The work provided is a yearly inspection requirement from the State of VT for fire alarm, emergency lighting, sprinkler systems, etc, and the billing is justified. However VLS LC has been contacted to coordinate future inspection dates, and not to show up un-announced. The Selectboard, Building Committee, or others assigned will seek estimates from companies offering the required yearly inspection for competitive bids for the 2015 inspection. Sally Torrey made a motion to approve the warrant for \$609.60 to VLS LC, seconded by Jim Benoit. Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1-absent. Motion passed.

4. **Interview prospective Highway Crew employee Neil Allen** John Bull had approached the Selectboard about hiring a new employee as his work load, up-coming winter season, and the limited abilities of one of the current crew is making it difficult to complete projects in a timely manner and properly staff the Highway Crew in a safe and efficient manner. He was approached by Neil Allen of New Haven for possible employment and the Selectboard in a 4 to 1 vote agreed to meet and interview Mr. Allen. Mr. Allen says he can meet the demands of the job for the odd and long hours for snow removal which include weekends and holidays, or any time of year when the need arises, and the physical demands of the position. He has a broad experience with equipment and large truck operations, maintenance and repairs, and has extensive experience in tire repair, service and sales; 23yrs. He is approaching this position as long term and looking forward to serving the Town of Ferrisburgh. Steve Gutowski made a motion to hire Neil Allen for the Highway Crew full time at \$17.50hr to include benefits, with a start date of October 14, 2014, seconded by Sally Torrey. Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1-absent. motion passed.

5. **Motion to adjourn:** Steve Gutowski made a motion to adjourn at 7:00pm, seconded by Jim Benoit, 4-in favor, 1-absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Gutowski