

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Selectboard Minutes
July 5, 2016**

Members present: Jim Benoit, Steve Gutowski, Loretta Lawrence, Michael “Red” Muir, Jim Warden.

Town officials present: Gloria Warden, town clerk.

Visitors present: David Andrews, George Gardner, Bob McNary, Bessie Sessions.

1. 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting — call to order.

Loretta Lawrence, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

2. Approve minutes — June 21, 2016.

Red Muir made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2016, with the correction that Steve Gutowski abstained when voting to approve the minutes of the June 7 special meeting. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

3. Selectboard new business

There were no items under new business for this meeting.

4. Selectboard old business

(a) Personnel Policy — review proposed edits and updates. Since Jim Carroll, the town’s attorney from the firm of Carroll, Boe & Pell, would like to review the personnel policy, Loretta Lawrence tabled this agenda item until the next regular selectboard meeting on August 2, 2016.

5. Selectboard general business

(a) Vermont Green Line (VGL) Committee update. Jim Warden, a member of the town’s VGL Committee, reported that the committee had not met.

David Andrews said there have been borings in Kingsland Bay, and asked if there was any new info regarding the moorings. Jim Warden replied that the committee is waiting for reports to come back.

Bob McNary commented that Dig Safe has put flags on US Route 7 to mark areas for the archeological survey.

(b) Vermont Public Service Board — proposed revisions to 30 V.S.A. section 248a (re: telecommunications facilities). During the 2016 legislative session, the Vermont General Assembly enacted into law Act No. 130, which makes several revisions to section 248a. Comments and recommendations regarding this revision for consideration must be filed with the service board no later than August 1, 2016. There were no comments by the selectboard.

(c) Addison County Regional Planning Commission — FY 2017 transportation planning study request form. Loretta Lawrence contacted Road Foreman John Bull asking him to suggest any transportation projects that might qualify.

(d) 2017 Municipal Park-and-Ride Grant Program. After discussion, the board decided not to take any action on this agenda item.

6. Public comment

George Gardner stated that he feels he is being harassed because the Addison County Sheriff's Department speed cart has been in the hollow for more than a month. After discussion, Gloria Warden was directed by the board to ask Sargent Nason to move the speed cart to a location chosen by the department on Plank Road.

Bob McNary recounted the details of two close calls he and his wife have had with speeding motorists on Tupper's Crossing at the intersection with Bottsford Road. He suggested adding signage to slow the traffic on Tupper's crossing.

Bob McNary cited an article in the recent *Addison Independent* stating the US Route 7 reconstruction project will now be longer than one year, with completion anticipated in 2018.

Bob McNary informed the board that he was called by a company asking if he wanted the blasting of the shale pit owned by David Shlansky on Satterly Road to be videotaped on Friday, July 8, 2016. He stated that the neighbors have not been warned in advance. Bob said there is potential of damage to property and to life and limb from flying rocks. He feels there is no oversight whatsoever. The board suggested that Bob contact the Zoning Administrator.

Bob McNary asked what the first maintenance project would be now that the building maintenance fund has reached \$60,000. After a lengthy discussion about various possible projects, the board decided to table this item until the next regular board meeting on July 19, 2016.

Gloria Warden reviewed with the board the remaining personal time and holiday time she would like to carry over to the next fiscal year. Discussion of this matter will be an agenda item at the next regular board meeting on July 19, 2016.

Gloria Warden displayed a framed photograph of the eagle's nest on the "slang bridge" on Hawkins Road over Little Otter Creek, taken by professional photographer P. Brian Machanic of Charlotte, Vermont. The donated image will be on display at the town offices.

7. Other business

The selectboard was told by the town clerk that a Ferrisburgh taxpayer, Mr. McGuire, had come into the town offices on Thursday, June 23, 2016. Mr. McGuire was told by the town clerk that Mary McGuire's written request for a waiver for late fees and delinquent taxes was not approved at the June 21, 2016, selectboard meeting. Mr. McGuire told the town clerk that he hopes the town offices burn down. Mr. McGuire then proceeded to tell the town clerk that he hopes all the members of the selectboard homes also burn down. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the board to have Loretta Lawrence contact the Vermont State Police immediately and file a report regarding the incident.

After discussion, Jim Benoit made a motion to approve the request from ECI to install a port-o-let on the town-owned historical society property, specifically near the path leading to the back of the post office. Red Muir seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Jim Benoit asked why the Board of Civil Authority meeting was held in the meeting room instead of the upstairs community room. After discussion, the board decided that when back-to-back meetings are scheduled, they will not be held in the same location.

Jim Warden commented that he spoke to John Bull, road foreman, about OSHA currently conducting inspections.

Loretta Lawrence stated that four applicants have applied for the position of highway worker. After discussion, it was decided that interviews will be scheduled for July 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the upstairs community room.

Red Muir commented that the plastic erosion material used for storm runoff at both Dollar General and the extension of the solar farm may be removed. The companies that installed the material are most likely on callback for this.

8. Correspondence

(a) Town auditors' annual meeting minutes. The selectboard received the minutes of the meeting attended by Walter Red, Susan Oliveira, and Deb Healey.

(b) Vermont Wetland Individual Permit #2015-466 Approved — 70 Locust Lane. The town was notified that the Agency of Natural Resources found the conditional use improving the existing farm road that crosses through a wetland to access a new family house will not result in any undue, adverse effects to the protected functions of the significant wetland.

(c) Ferrisburgh GLC Solar, LLC — results of archaeological study. The town was notified that no resources were discovered and no further study is required.

(d) Town letter to Vermont Department of Transportation (VTrans) — Route 22A. Loretta Lawrence sent a letter to VTrans supporting the Vermont State Veterans of Foreign Wars' petition to officially rename Vermont State Route 22A as The Desert Storm Veterans Memorial Highway.

(e) Selectboard letters of reply to Cary Davis, Richard Alther, Mary McGuire. Requests for waivers for each of these three taxpayers were not approved.

9. Selectboard to approve or sign

(a) Selectboard warrant. After review, Red Muir made a motion to approve the selectboard warrant, which details town expenditures, for a total of \$233,715.69. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

10. Adjourn

Steve Gutowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Silveira