

**Town of Ferrisburgh**  
**Selectboard Minutes / DRAFT**  
March 7, 2017

**Members present:** Jim Benoit, Steve Gutowski, Loretta Lawrence, Michael "Red" Muir, Jim Warden.

**Town officials present:** No town officials were present.

**Visitors present:** Kim Daniels, Tim Davis, Craig Heindel, Bessie Sessions, Wes Snyder.

**1. 5:30 p.m. Regular meeting — call to order.**

Loretta Lawrence, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She asked for a motion to amend the agenda, adding:

**3. New business**

**(b) Set dates for first and second hearings for the Town Charter.**

**(c) Appoint an interim delinquent tax collector.**

Red Muir made a motion to amend the agenda as noted. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

**2. Approve minutes — February 21, 2017.**

Steve Gutowski asked that the minutes of February 21, 2017, be changed under **3. New business (a) John Bull — highway operations report** to read that Steve asked John Bull if he had completed a Tier II Report; Steve did not ask John to do the report. Jim Warden made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017, with the correction noted. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

**3. Selectboard new business**

**(a) Green Mountain Getaway MS Bike Ride — Saturday, August 5, 2017.** Wes Snyder, development manager, came before the board to ask permission to use town roads for this annual event. He discussed many aspects of the race including the route through the town and the use of a support team of medical personnel, bicycle mechanics, and HAM radio operators. He stressed that cyclists will ride single file only and obey all rules of the road including stopping at all stop signs. Steve Gutowski made a motion to approve the use of town roads for the MS Bike Ride on August 5, 2017. Red Muir seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

**(b) Set dates for first and second hearings for the Town Charter.** After discussion, Steve Gutowski made a motion to set the date for the first hearing for April 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. and the warning to be published in the newspaper, Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED. Jim Benoit made a motion to set the date for the second hearing for April 17, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. and the warning to be published in the newspaper, Steve Gutowski seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

**(c) Appoint an interim delinquent tax collector.** After discussion, Steve Gutowski made a motion to appoint Sally Torrey interim delinquent tax collector. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

**4. Selectboard old business**

There were no items under old business for this meeting.

## 5. Selectboard general business

**(a) Vermont Green Line (VGL) Committee update.** Craig Heindel, chair of the town's VGL Committee, commented that his committee is continuing to negotiate with Vermont Green Line Devco. Although a host town agreement has not been yet signed, Craig feels that a mutually agreeable one as well as a section 11.11 road permit, with adequate financial and legal protections for the town, is still possible.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether or not the Addison County Regional Planning Commission will agree or disagree that a possible upgrade to the electric grid will be in conformance with the town plan. The board is asking Tim Davis and Arabella Holzatfeh, the town's representatives to the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, to continue to support the board's position on the Vermont Green Line Devco project.

**6. Public comment** - There was no public comment.

## 7. Other business

Steve Gutowski asked if anyone on the board knew who cut down the trees on the north side of the town offices building, from the curb cut for the new town overflow parking lot down Atkins Farm Road. It was unclear as to who did it; the board will check with the highway department.

## 8. Correspondence

## 9. Selectboard to approve or sign

**(a) Donna Brands— hall rental request for baby shower on March 25, 2017, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** After discussion, Jim Warden made a motion to rent the upstairs community hall to Donna Brands, for the rental fee of \$75.00, a \$500 deposit, and proof of insurance. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

**(b) Starry Night Café — two liquor license renewal applications for 2017.** After review, Jim Benoit made a motion to renew the first class liquor licenses for a single story building consisting of approximately 1,970 square feet, and a rear patio with natural and landscaped borders, located on the west side of US Route 7 at 5371. Jim Warden seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

**(c) Selectboard warrant.** After review, Jim Benoit made a motion to approve the selectboard warrant, which details town expenditures, for a total of \$1,596,477.46. Red Muir seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

## 10. Adjourn

Jim Benoit made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Steve Gutowski seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Silveira