

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH  
SELECT BOARD MINUTES  
APRIL 15, 2014**

**Members present:** Jim Benoit, Steve Gutowski, Loretta Lawrence, Sally Torrey, Jim Warden

**Town Officials present:** Gloria Warden-Town clerk, Ken Wheeling-zoning administrator, Bessie Sessions-Town Agent

**Visitors present:** Bob McNary, Tim Etchells, Monica Tupper, Silas Towler, Ron Kampner, Pam Kampner, Mike Muir, Carl Cole, Bill Sullivan, Walter Reed, Nadia Smith, Craig Heidel

1. Chairperson Loretta Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

Loretta asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Steve made the motion to add project summary under old business

And sign liquor license for Village Café and Tavern under select board to approve or sign. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

2. **Approve minutes**

Steve made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 special meeting. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

Jim B. made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 regular meeting. Jim W. seconded all in favor.

3. **General Business**

- a) Kathy Furr was not present for interview  
Tim Etchells is a Ferrisburgh resident, has over 40 years experience as a writer and editor. He would like to be involved in town government in some capacity as he is recently retired. He would take notes and record the meetings to assist in writing minutes.
- b) Charlie Paolantonio is not present to discuss Union Meeting Hall.
- c) Silas Towler presents research he has done on a screen for the upstairs. He states the Ferrisburgh Historical Society and The Friends of Ferrisburgh Grange are willing to pay one third each of the cost of the screen. Steve made the motion to order the Draper # 241031 which is a fast fold, 8'X10' with heavy duty legs, online for a cost of \$829.00 The shared cost will be \$276.33 each. The town share will come from the Town Hall and Community Center Account. Jim W. seconded the motion, all in favor.
- d) Carl Cole and Silas Towler have meet with Paul at Advance Music regarding a sound system for the Grange Hall and Community Center for both upstairs and down, and possible use at the school for town meeting. They were considering wireless microphones which cost \$600.00 apiece. They have received a rough estimate of \$8000.00 to \$12000.00. Wireless mikes can be added at a later date, but the base would have to be determined at the start as to how many wireless mikes are to be added. Carl will meet with Paul on April 16 at 3:00 P.M. to discuss this further. It is also suggest to involve Chris Brady from the High School as he is aware of the situation. The Friends of Ferrisburgh Grange currently hold \$2300.00 that is dedicated to a sound system. It is suggested that fund raising to cover the additional cost is a possibility.
- e) Carl Cole spoke on the needed updates to make the Union Meeting Hall code compliant. The need is for an electrician, carpenter and painter. Bob McNary questioned the insurance value.

Jim B. made the motion to have Carl and Silas seek interested persons to give an estimate to do the work, using the funds still in this years budget. Jim w. seconded, all in favor.

**4. Select board Old Business**

Gloria has developed a list of Selectboard activities dating back to 1-1 2013. she hopes the board will find it useful and continue updating it.

**5. Select Board New Business**

a) Ken Wheeling and Craig Heindel explain the septic over shadowing from the Mailloux's sub division onto town property. The restriction is a well drilled in the designated area would need to meet state specifications. It is a state rule that has been in effect for years, but only in the past few years has the owner needed to notify the neighboring property owner as to the overshadowing. The board thanks Ken and Craig for their explanation.

**b) Appointments:**

Jim B. made the motion to appoint Tim Davis to one year term to Addison County Regional Planning Commission. Steve seconded, all in favor.

Steve made the motion to appoint Walter (Wally) Reed to a one year term as Town Auditor. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

Jim B. made the motion to appoint Deb Healey to a one year term as Town Auditor. Jim W. seconded, all in favor.

Steve made the motion to appoint Ron Kampner to a one year term as Fence Viewer. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

**6. Public Comment**

Bob McNary inquires about Front Porch Forum. It is not being emailed daily to people with Fairpoint. FPF is telling people to contact Fairpoint. He also states Roger has been having trouble getting the energy minutes posted to the website. We suggested he contact Betsy Etchells for assistance.

**7. Select Board to approve or sign**

a) Steve made the motion to approve the warrants for the total amount of \$45,302.86. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

b) Jim w made the motion to sign the three liquor licenses for Basin Harbor Club. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

bb) Jim B. made the motion to sign the liquor license for the Village Café and Tavern. Steve seconded, all in favor.

c) Steve made the motion to approve the Hall rental request for May 18, 2014 from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for \$100.00 per hour with a \$500.00 damage deposit. Jim b. seconded, all in favor.

d) Loretta signed the form for Robert Piesch, who was appointed at the April 1, 2014 meeting to the Addison county Solid Waste District.

**8. Other Business**

Steve presented a letter on behalf of the town to the ACSWD requesting consideration in tipping fees for removal of Hawkins burned building. He and Bob Piesch plan to meet with the board of ACSWD for a formal request.

Jim W. attended the UVM conference. He discussed the school land with VLCT attorneys. To date VLCT has not taken any action, but advised Ferrisburgh to continue moving forward on it. Jim also

made us aware a special meeting has to pertain to only what is posted on agenda. No decisions may be made by emails for any select board matter.

Loretta attended the school board meeting. They made a similar motion to be included in their minutes as the one made at the last select board meeting to pursue transferring the property.

Steve and Loretta will attend the homeland security meeting in New Haven on April 16, 2014.

The tree on the green will be replaced with a maple.

Employee reviews was discussed. We will ask for these to be done this year on our five employees.

Sally will draft a letter for bicycle groups which pass thru our town.

The select board will plan to meet with Bernie Dam, inviting John Bull on May 3, 2014 at 8:00 A.M. to discuss the on going ditch issue on Button Bay Road.

**9. Executive Session**

Steve made the motion to enter executive session at 8:39 to discuss personnel. Jim W. seconded, all in favor.

Steve made the motion to leave executive session at 8:44. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

Jim W. made the motion to hire Tim Etchells for twenty dollars per hour (\$20.00) to take minutes for the Ferrisburgh select board. Jim B. seconded, all in favor.

**10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted:

Sally Torrey- clerk for select board