

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
June 18, 2013**

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

Others present: Josh Schultz VTRANS, Michael LaCroix VTRANS, Ian Degutis VTRANS, George Gardner, Diane Lanpher, Dave Tatlock, Carl Cole, Bob McNary, Bessie Sessions, John Bull, Mike Muir and Andy Kirkaldy.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Josh Schultz, VTRANS, is present to explain the stoplight proposal for the Little Chicago Road and Route 7 intersection. This light has been on their safety radar screen for years. A group of 6th graders went to Montpelier to ask the legislature about the light. The traffic study indicates that the intersection warrants a light. He has a concept plan for the Board to review. There will be pole mounted lights; the lanes will be restriped to improve the stackup length for the turn lanes. Loretta remarks that the Selectboard is supportive of this project and has been working on this for 10 years also. Josh says the projected timeline is 2015-2016. VTRANS will work with the land owners as much as possible. The Board thanks the VTRANS group.

Public Comment

Dave Tatlock, Schoolboard Chair, is present to discuss the Clark Hinsdale land offer with the Selectboard. The Schoolboard feels it would be more useful to the Town than the School. Loretta says the Town bought the Sisters property for additional parking. Carl Cole says that there are class 3 wetlands through the middle of the property that need to be investigated. Carl thinks that due to a possible Unified Union of the area Schools that the Town School should transfer as much land as possible to the Town to protect the Towns' interest in the ball fields and future recreation pavilion. For \$40,000 it is a good deal and could be a second access to the Town land. Carl feels the Town and School should talk about the land ownership as soon as possible. George Gardner feels the School should spend its money on education not on land purchases. Jim Warden feels the Selectboard and Schoolboard should meet and talk. The Schoolboard has talked with Clark.

Jim Warden moves to meet with the Schoolboard as soon as possible; second by Jim Benoit. So voted. Dave Tatlock will call Clark. Jim Warden would like to meet with Clark at the site to discuss the property. The Board thanks Dave.

George Gardner likes the Front Porch Forum as a good way to know what is going on in town. He has read the traffic calming studies for Old Hollow Road and feels that speed bumps are bothersome for emergency responders and snow plowing; he is against making changes on the road. The Board would like George to make his comments to Nick Patch, the local coordinator for the suggestions.

Carl Cole feels the Town should get an estimate on the Union Meeting Hall tower repairs to know what needs to be added to the budget. Whoever does this should have some experience to get an accurate estimate for the repairs to the siding, trim and paint.

Jim Warden moves to look for an estimate for the tower repairs; second by John DeVos. So voted. The Board feels that Bob Jenkins would be a good person to go to for recommendations for the estimate

John Bull, road foreman, reports that the speed limit signs and stop bars are being installed on Plank Road at the request of Wadi Sawabini. Also the speed ordinance for Plank Road needs to be updated. The Board will work on that. Bob McNary, TAC representative, will ask for assistance at the next Regional Planning meeting.

Mike Magoon will install the survey pins by the end of the month.

Red Muir reports that the stop sign on the north end of South Middlebrook Road is knocked down.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the catering permit for Occasions Catering Bar Services at 630 Mile Point Road for a dinner party on June 24th and July 20th; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

The position of minute taker for Planning and Zoning will be readvertized in the paper and on Front Porch Forum.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the minutes of June 4th; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Ethics Policy

Sally Torrey has suggestions and will send them.

Warrants

Sally Torrey moves to approve the warrant: second by John DeVos. So voted.

Sally Torrey moves to reappoint Bob McNary as the Towns Transportation Advisory Committee representative; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Other Business

Bob McNary wonders if Ferrisburgh Day is going to happen this year.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chet Hawkins
Clerk