

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Selectboard Minutes
September 4, 2018**

Members present: Jim Benoit, Rick Ebel, Steve Gutowski, Jessica James. Michael "Red" Muir participated electronically.

Town officials present: John Bull, road foreman

Visitors present: Matt Birong, Paulette Bogan, Debbie Brace, Lisa Brace, Scott Brace, Judy Chaves, Ziggy Comeau, Robin Curler, Kim Cynewski, John Eisenhardt, Jerry Fisher, Lauren Fisher, Ricky Fisher, Charlie Gottlieb, Duncan Harris, Craig Heindel, Brent Jerger, Jeanne Kelly, Andy Kirkaldy, Diane Lanpher, Bessie Sessions, Jeff Theis, Warren Van Wyck, Jen Woodward.

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

Rick Ebel, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He asked for a motion to amend the agenda under **Selectboard old business**, adding 4) d. US Route 7–Old Hollow Road–Stage Road intersection — discussion and update of state traffic safety study. Jessica James made a motion to amend the agenda as described. Steve Gutowski seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

2. Approve minutes — August 21, 2018, regular meeting.

Jim Benoit made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018, regular meeting, as submitted. Jessica James seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

3. Selectboard new business

(a) Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission–Keeping Track, Inc.— workshop on October 4, 2018.

Craig Heindel, chair of the conservation committee, informed the board that this workshop is the second part of a program already approved by the selectboard in March 2018. Sue Morse of Keeping Track, Inc. will lead an afternoon site visit to the town forest (20 people maximum) to explore this bobcat habitat. Craig said the funds for this workshop would come from the conservation commission budget. Steve Gutowski made a motion to approve the Keeping Track, Inc. site visit. Jessica James seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(b) Brent Jerger — discussion of permitting for a salvage yard. Brent Jerger addressed the board saying the State of Vermont informed him that he needs a license if he wants to continue to have cars on his property, and operate as a salvage yard. Brent explained that since he is not adding any cars to his property, does not crush cars or dismantle them, he should be considered a salvage yard instead of a junkyard. He will be reducing his 300 cars down to a maximum of 50 antique, rare, and classic cars, which will be contained. Rick Ebel stated the town does not have an ordinance pertaining to salvage yards. Discussion ensued including review of a map presented by Brent, which showed agricultural land and a sand pit. Rick said the board would communicate with Bonnie Barnes, zoning administrator, regarding zoning and Brent's efforts to reduce the number of cars, as well as the conservation commission's interest.

4. Selectboard old business

(a) Bill Kipp–Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT)–town of Ferrisburgh — insurance claim #20180931-G01. Jen Woodward, senior claims representative, and Jeff Theis, senior loss control consultant, both from VLCT, addressed the board regarding a way to move forward with this matter. John Bull, road foreman, said there is an agreed upon plan as to how to snowplow in front of the Kipp's stonewall. Jen suggested getting something in writing, which includes not accepting any future liability. John said he would write a draft of the plan and present it to the board. Gary Gray, chair of the Long Point Corporation, informed John that it would not be filing a claim. After discussion, Rick Ebel said this item will be tabled to a future meeting while waiting for the draft plan.

(b) 2512 Sand Road update. Rick Ebel stated the board and Sheila McGregor, owner of an animal rescue at the location, have agreed to a procedural stay of the appeal of the health order. He said the issue may be settled by the end of the month. If not, the September 30, 2018, deadline for compliance is still in effect. Scott Brace said the pigs are gone and a U-Haul was seen at the property. Kim Cynewski said no one from the town was at the last site inspection and wanted to know the result. Rick said he would find out. Concerned about the current state of the property, Debbie Brace asked what would happen if Sheila McGregor left. Rick responded saying the condition of the property must meet health standards.

(c) Vorsteveld tree cutting update. Rick Ebel reviewed the motion passed at the previous selectboard meeting, which granted the town's attorney permission to work with the Vorsteveld's attorney to obtain an 1111 permit to do any work in the town's right-of-way. Rick said despite that the two parties have been in mediation, the Vorstevelds cut down more trees in the town's right-of-way; now all the trees have been removed from that side of Arnold Bay Road by the Vorstevelds.

(d) US Route 7–Old Hollow Road–Stage Road intersection — discussion and update of state traffic safety study. Rick Ebel announced that he, Road Foreman John Bull, and members of the public participated in a conference call with state officials from Vermont Agency of Transportation on August 29, 2018, at the town offices. The discussion centered on past traffic safety studies conducted at that intersection. Discussion ensued including the possibility of \$15,000.00 of emergency funds available from Addison County Regional Planning Commission. John said the amount of traffic at that intersection has increased and cars are not going the speed limit. Warren Van Wyke, Addison County representative, addressed the board saying he has been in touch with Pat Brennan, chair of the House Committee on Transportation, about this issue. Warren said the project may get federal funds if it highlights a safety issue. Diane Lanpher, Addison County representative, agreed with Warren, comparing this project to obtaining a traffic signal at the intersection of US Route 7 and Little Chicago Road, which was fast tracked because it was considered a safety issue. John said the project is under safety evaluation. Judy Chaves asked what citizens could do in addition to signed petitions, and conversations with local, county, and state officials. Several suggestions were made including creating a repository of all materials, a letter writing campaign (by email), posts on Front Porch Forum, and reaching out to the towns of Charlotte and Monkton. Judy Chaves agreed to be the repository. Diane Lanpher said she would find out the name of the person who should receive the emails. Rick thanked Judy for her efforts on this project.

5. Selectboard general business

(a) Employee compensation. Board members discussed the importance of reviewing the full compensation package for employees, which in addition to an hourly wage may include health insurance, a HRA, and life insurance. After discussion, Jessica James made a motion to raise Bonnie Barnes' hourly wage to \$25.00, Deb Healey to \$25.50, Gloria Warden to \$24.25, Jean Silveira to \$17.00, and Pam Cousino to \$22.25 for FY 2019. Steve Gutowski seconded. All voted in favor.

MOTION PASSED. Jessica James said a recording cross-training plan for Jean Silveira must be in place.

(b) Blasting plan guide. Rick Ebel spoke about Powhatan, LLC, which hired Green Mountain Enterprises, to blast at the quarry on Satterly Road on August 8, 2018. As this was the same day as the notice was received, Rick Ebel said the company would be informed that it will be required to notify the town and neighbors prior to all future blasts.

(c) Town property — discussion of possible uses for property at intersection of Route 22A and US Route 7. Rick Ebel addressed Duncan Harris, the listing agent for the property, regarding discussions at the June 19 and August 7, 2018, selectboard meetings about a possible Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD) recycling center at the location. Duncan spoke about several options including sale, lease, or short-term lease with buyout. He said he would start by contacting the interim person at the state level handling Act 250. Then he would speak to Teri Kuczynski, district manager at ACSWMD. Duncan said if there is an outline of a possible deal he would email the board.

(d) RHR Smith & Company — pdfs/printed and bound audited financial statements. The board will follow up with Deb Healey, town treasurer, if there will be a substantial savings if the town does not received hard copies.

6. Public comment - There was no public comment.

7. Other business

Rick Ebel read an email inviting Addison County Fire Service, EMS, and emergency management personnel to attend a discussion of public safety on September 11, 2018, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Bristol Fire Department.

8. Correspondence

(a) Act 250 application filing — Town & Country Homes — modular/mobile home sales display facility at 1758 US Route 7. The town was notified by email that Town & Country Homes has applied for an Act 250 permit for this property currently owned by Paulette McNary.

(b) Vermont League of Cities & Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund — 2018 Annual Meeting — October 3, 2018. Rick Ebel announced he would be attending this annual meeting.

9. Selectboard to approve or sign

(a) Long Point Corporation — hall rental agreement — August 3, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Steve Gutowski made a motion to approve the rental agreement for Long Point Corporation for August 3, 2019. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(b) Selectboard warrant. After review, Steve Gutowski made a motion to approve the selectboard warrant, which details town expenditures, for a total of \$103,650.57. Jessica James seconded. All voted in favor. Red Muir abstained. MOTION PASSED.

10. Adjourn

Jim Benoit made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Steve Gutowski seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Silveira