

Ferrisburgh Selectboard  
Special Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday November 12, 2019 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Rick Ebel, Clark Hinsdale, Jessica James, and Michael "Red" Muir. Jim Benoit absent.

Visitors present: Carl Cole, Ashley LaFlam, Jean Richardson

1) Rick Ebel called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

2) Union Meeting Hall funding proposal and discussion - Red Muir started the discussion with a recap and update. Red Muir stated that the Building Maintenance committee met earlier today and created a priority list and budget and found that \$10,000 would be available to use towards the Union Meeting Hall. Jean Richardson discussed the grants available, with the possibility of being granted up to \$100,000, along with a 15 year easement on the building. Carl Cole made a recommendation to do the structural work and to maximize the funds and to match the amount in the amount of \$30,000, to increase the potential of the grant matching as much as possible. Discussion ensued on the budget numbers for this year and prioritization for the other building's issues, town meeting hall basement, walls, rental property, etc. Red Muir recommends moving the building maintenance amount from \$30,000 to \$50,000 annually for next year's budget. Red Muir stated the Town's insurance company stated that the steps at the Union Meeting Hall need to be fixed.

Clark Hinsdale made the motion in support for the grant for the Union Meeting Hall that we propose to offer \$10,000 from this year's building fund and earmark for next year's budget the amount of \$20,000 from the building maintenance fund to match funds for the grant for matching money. Jessica James seconded. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

3) Personnel

Rick Ebel read a letter from Gloria Warden stating she is retiring by the end of the year, sharing her December 31, 2019, with availability for a smooth transition, and support the planning and preparation for the new hire. Last day in the office will be during the end of the first week of December. Clark Hinsdale stated that Gloria's family will be missed and respect their calling to public service and how they have supported each other together. Gloria Warden strongly suggested to move quickly on this process noting the fact that next year is an election year. Red Muir mentioned how elections have been smooth and the help to the selectboard is phenomenal. Rick Ebel requests that you take some time and look at each month of the year and what activities and requests what occurs and what lead time is essential for these events, and helpful to understand that. Rick stated ideally we would like to have someone to know the role and the events. The entire board thanked the Gloria Warden for her time, service, dedication and acknowledging her achievements and leadership for the town.

At 5:20 p.m. Jessica James made the motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, stating the selectboard finds that premature general public disclosure of the discussion would put the town/employees at a substantial disadvantage. Clark Hinsdale seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

5:42 p.m. – Red Muir made the motion to come out of executive session. Clark Hinsdale seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

5:42 p.m. – Red Muir made the motion to return to the regular session. Clark Hinsdale seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Rick Ebel stated no action was taken in the executive session.

Rick Ebel stated that the board is beginning the process for beginning the search for the new town clerk.

4) Red Muir made a motion to adjourn. Jessica James seconded 5:43 pm.