

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Selectboard Minutes - Draft
February 2, 2021**

Members present: Chris Campbell, Jessica James, Clark Hinsdale, Michael “Red” Muir

Absent: Jim Benoit,

Town officials present: Pam Cousino, Town Clerk. All town officials participated electronically using Zoom.

Visitors present: Chris Kayhart, Sheila Soule, Mary Neffinger, Kimberly Trombley, Kristina MacKulin, Jeanne Comouche

1. 6:30p.m. Call regular meeting to order

Jessica James called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. Approve Minutes – Regular meeting, January 19, 2021 and January 5, 2021, budget work session

Jessica James asked for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on January 19, 2021. Clark Hinsdale asked for an amendment regarding John Bulls comment on an increase in homes at Long Point to reflect that there are more year round homes. Clark Hinsdale moved to approve the January 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes as amended. Red Muir seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Jessica James asked for approval of the minutes for the budget work session meeting on January 5, 2021. Red Muir moved to approve the January 5, 2021 budget work session minutes as submitted. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

3. Public Comment

Mary Neffinger commented that she googled the town of Ferrisburgh on her iPad and the result was a construction company with a picture of the Ferrisburgh town of garage. Pam Cousino said she would look into it.

4. Selectboard New Business

(a) Discussion of ANWSD Warning for March 2, 2021, Election

Chris Kayhart, Sheila Soule, and Kristina McKulin were present to share community talking points regarding the ANWSD budget. Chris presented the key highlights. They are presenting a budget of \$21,604,213 for vote on March 2, 2021. The total expenditures decrease by \$238,381. The educational spending as compared to FY21 decreases by 4%. They estimate 938 Equalized Pupils with the educational spending per pupil decreasing to \$19,289.79 which is a decrease of \$589 per pupil. If all estimates hold, this proposal would result in a union district tax rate of 1.7722 which is exactly the same as FY21. This budget includes no increases to all non-personnel contracted line item costs and continues all current programming including programs that were added last year. They are asking voters to approve an Education Stabilization Reserve Fund of 4%, as suggested by the auditors, to be used for unexpected expenditures. Also asking for a \$475,000 capital reserve increase to fund things like issues with the high school roof and mold mitigation at FCS. There is a separate item for voters of \$380,000 to finance the mold mitigation and repair 3 bathrooms. Asbestos has been found in one area of the school with an abatement estimate of less than \$10,000 which would come out of the regular budget rather than borrowing money. From community conversations last year they heard the need for

childcare in conjunction with the preschool program. Next year they will run a daycare pilot program out of the Ferrisburgh School for children attending the pre-K class.

Kristina provided an update on the wind mill. The wind mill is completely safe and someone has been found to perform maintenance on it. A crane will need to be brought in to lower the wind mill to the ground for repair.

They will hold a budget information meeting on February 22, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom. The meeting information can be found on the school board's website.

Clark Hinsdale asked if there is any anecdotal information on students moving into the area. Sheila responded that it would require about 250 students by 2026 to have an impact.

5. Selectboard Old Business

a) Vorsteveld tree cutting in ROW update

Jessica James stated that mediation is still scheduled for February 25, 2021 at 11am on Zoom. Craig Heindel will attend representing the Conservation Commission.

6. Selectboard General Business

a) COVID-19 updates

No update.

7. Other Business

Red Muir asked Pam Cousino if she had contacted the insurance company to make a claim. She replied she will be doing it tomorrow.

The meeting with Breadloaf Construction will be held Friday, February 8 at 3pm. It has been warned.

Clark Hinsdale expressed appreciation to Pam Cousino for the information she sent to the board regarding the history of the Long Point leases and the current status. Some Long Point board members believe there is no town beach or right of way going to the water. This subject may need to be bundled in with the spring work to be done on Bay Road to get everyone up to speed on the history of this and how to handle it going forward. Jessica James and John Bull found the deed for the right of way access down to the low water mark.

8. Correspondence

The Basin Harbor Golf Club will be opening this summer.

9. Selectboard to approve or Sign

a) Mutual Aid for Public Works

Clark Hinsdale indicated he read the document and if John Bull is okay with the document then he is. The municipalities already participate in mutual aid and this is the formal agreement. Red Muir moved to approve the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement and Request Form. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
MOTION PASSED

b) Selectboard warrant

Jessica James asked for a motion to approve the warrant. Red Muir moved to approve the warrant in the amount of \$21,318.72. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
MOTION PASSED

10. Adjourn

Jessica James asked for a motion to adjourn. Red Muir moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19. Clark Hinsdale seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Allen