

**Town of Ferrisburgh  
Selectboard Minutes  
March 2, 2021**

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

**Town officials present:** Deb Healey, Treasurer. All town officials participated electronically using Zoom.

**Visitors present:** Jean Richardson, Ashley LaFlam,

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

Jessica James called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Jessica James asked for a motion to amend the agenda by swapping items a and b under Selectboard Old Business. Red Muir moved to address item b first. Clark Hinsdale seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Jessica James asked for a motion to add a letter from Steve Gutowski to 8) Correspondence. Clark Hinsdale moved to add the letter to Correspondence. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**2. Approve Minutes – Regular meeting, February 16, 2021**

Jessica James asked for approval of the minutes for the regular meeting on February 16, 2021. Clark Hinsdale moved to approve the February 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. Jessica James, Clark Hinsdale, Red Muir and Chris Campbell voted in favor. Jim Benoit abstained. MOTION PASSED.

**3. Public Comment**

No public comment

**4. Selectboard New Business**

No new business

**5. Selectboard Old Business**

**a) Vorsteveld tree cutting in ROW – executive session**

6:40 p.m. - Jessica James asked for a motion to find that premature general disclosure of attorney-client communication regarding the Vorsteveld tree cutting on Arnold Bay Road would put the town at a substantial disadvantage. Chris Campbell moved to find that premature general disclosure of attorney-client communication regarding the Vorsteveld tree cutting on Arnold Bay Road would put the town at a substantial disadvantage. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

6:55 p.m. - Jessica James asked for a motion to come out of executive session. Red Muir moved to come out of executive session. Chris Campbell seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

6:56 p.m. - Jessica James asked for a motion to reconvene open session. Red Muir moved to reconvene the open session. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Clark Hinsdale moved to accept the February 25, 2021 mediation agreement for the Vorsteveld tree cutting on Arnold Bay Road. Red Muir seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Deb Healey asked if the results would be communicated and Jessica James replied yes once the release happens in about three weeks.

**b) Award contract for Union Meeting Hall steeple repair**

Red Muir spoke for the Building Maintenance Committee and recommended Skip Jack as the contractor to perform the steeple repair pending agreement to the terms of the contract. Red and Carl Cole met with the contractor on site to review details of his bid. The contractor estimated he could begin the work in June or July of this year. The contractor would like to purchase some materials soon to get the best price. Chris Campbell asked why the three bids varied so much. Jean Richardson responded that contingencies and overhead were the factors. Clark Hinsdale moved to accept the Skip Jack bid for the steeple repair pending agreement to the terms of the contract. Red Muir seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**6. Selectboard General Business**

**a) COVID-19 updates**

No update

**7. Other Business**

None

**8. Correspondence**

**a) Letter from Steve Gutkowski regarding Echo and Dean Road trails**

Steve Gutkowski wrote a letter asking to be included in any future conversations on the Echo and Dean Road trails issue. Red Muir spoke with him and learned some history of the area.

**9. Selectboard to approve or Sign**

**a) Dollar General – 2021 Liquor License Renewal Application**

The application was removed.

**b) Selectboard warrant**

Jessica James asked for a motion to approve the warrant. Clark Hinsdale moved to approve the warrant in the amount of \$1,590,168.34. Red Muir 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 7:29. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Allen