

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
April 2, 2013**

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

Others present: Bill Sullivan, Bob McNary, Bessie Sessions, Red Muir, Carl Cole, Gerald Laberge, Betsey Etchells, Steve Lowther, Justis DeVries and Duncan Harris

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

Duncan Harris, 7 & 22A land, is present to discuss the land sale agreement. He has given the Board a marketing plan; his group is very aggressive about selling the property. The Town is hiring his entire team and he will be the point of contact. He would like a 12 month listing agreement. They are advertising 4.5 acres for \$375,000 with the option to purchase additional acres. It is a one lot parcel that can be subdivided if needed. It can be done as a PUD. The proposed solar farm would be an encumbrance on the land and could be subdivided if necessary. There is a discussion of the conditions of sale.

Jim Warden moves to authorize Loretta Lawrence to sign an exclusive right to sell agreement with Redstone Reality; second by Sally Torrey. So voted.

Justis DeVries, Town Appraiser, presents his appraisal contract for the next year. He has sent it to the Town Attorney for approval. He explains the contract and where he is on the town wide reappraisal. The new values will be completed by June 1; there are 1508 total properties with 1347 finished. He has hired a commercial appraiser for Basin Harbor Club at his expense. He suggests that the BCA have a meeting to brush up on grievances, he will contact the Chair, Jean Richardson.

Sally Torrey moves to have the Board approve the contract as presented; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Public Comment

Steve Lowther is present to explain the Millstones' fence proposal for their property line that abuts the Town Beach land. They want to install a split rail fence with a woven wire backing two feet onto their property, remove the existing fence and install a flower bed on the two feet between the new fence and where the old fence was. The woven wire will allow flowers to climb the fence. The Board requests that Steve contact the Road Foreman about the right of way on Town Beach Road.

The new copier lease is tabled until next meeting.

The following vacant positions will be advertised: a cleaning person for the Town Office and Community Center; a Planning Commission member; 2 delegates for regional planning; 3 alternates for regional planning and 1 alternate for the Traffic Advisory Committee

Jim Warden hands out Ethics Policy draft for review.

On April 16th at 5 pm the Board will meet with the road crew and clerk's office.

Jim Warden moves to approve the March 19th minutes with the following corrections; in minute taker nominations change "Chet" to "town clerk"; in the Duncan Harris sentence change "is not present" to "not able to attend"; in the Bob McNary Sheriff Patrol sentence add "and by other Towns' Police"; in the Bob McNary Fence Viewer paragraph add "We do not have a large or farm animal control officer"; and the following was added at the end "Jim Warden heard complaints from an Old Hollow Road resident about traffic and he will request Sheriff Patrols. Jim Benoit wants the invoice numbers on the warrant and the salt shed cover account should be separate from the maintenance account. The Board requests employees to notify them in advance of their taking vacation"; second by Jim Benoit. So voted

Sally Torrey moves to approve the Beach Properties' three liquor licenses; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Jim Warden moves to approve the warrants; second by Sally Torrey. So voted.

There is a discussion of how the road foreman handles the road bills.
The Clerk will contact WB Mason about office supplies.

Jim Warden moves to approve the Sheriff's contract as written; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Public Comment

Bill Sullivan wants it known that it is not a salt shed 'cover' but it is a structure.

Bob McNary notes that Mike Magoon hasn't completed the survey for the new Town Shed site. Jim Benoit talked with the road foreman and he will ask Mike when he can get it done.

Bob wants to know what can be done about the smell in the lobby.

Other Business

Jim Benoit moves to have the road foreman get a stamp with red ink and stamp his invoices and turn them in weekly with his payroll reports so they can be reconciled at the clerks' office. The stamp should have three lines to indicate the account #, the vehicle # and the date; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

The Old Hollow Road Traffic Calming Feasibility Study was awarded to the Resource Systems Group Inc. The Steering Committee for the study is Loretta Lawrence, Jim Warden, Sally Torrey, Bob McNary and John DeVos.

Jim Warden attended the last Planning Commission meeting with Claire Tebbs to work on the new Town Plan. It was noted that the meetings for the last plan were not welcoming to local residents; they were permitted to attend but could not offer any input or ask any questions.

The Union Meeting Hall questionnaire was discussed. More information is needed to prepare a more informative questionnaire. The issue will be on the next agenda.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chet Hawkins
Clerk