

**Town of Ferrisburgh  
Selectboard Minutes  
June 18, 2024**

**Members present:** Clark Hinsdale, Jim Benoit, Chris Campbell, Walter Reed II, Steve Fleming

**Town officials present:** Pam Cousino, Town Clerk, Laurie Curler, Assistant Town Clerk, John Bull, Highway Department Superintendent

**Visitors present:** Lindsey Brown, Rick Kerschner, Bonnie Barnes, Betsy Cabrera, Alex Belanz

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

Clark Hinsdale called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Approve Minutes – Regular meeting June 4, 2024**

Jim Benoit moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for June 4, 2024 as presented. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Selectboard New Business**

**a) John Bull – Highway Operations Report**

John Bull reported the town received the \$200,000.00 paving grant. He is applying for a structures grant that could be used for two projects, one would be to replace a bridge on Basin Harbor Road and the other could be the Old Hollow structure/culvert. Engineering would be the first step. He is applying for a \$20,000.00 storm water grant.

The District Supervisor requested simplification on the TA60 form that was previously approved and submitted. The board signed the revised document.

John reported the PEL Study for the bypass is planned to be completed this fall. After a selection is made from the five options, another planning study will be done taking two to three years.

John received information regarding a grant to replace older trucks based on diesel emissions. He will get more details on this grant.

The department will be working on paving preparation, line stripping, and culvert work.

**b) Open Paving Bids**

John Bull opened the paving bids received from Pike and D&F. There are two separate bids, one for roads and the other for parking lots.

Pike bid – roads \$81.95 per ton - parking lots \$90.00 per ton

D&F – roads \$81.25 per ton - parking lots \$150.00 per ton

John will go back and review the number of tons used in the bids and report back at a future meeting where a decision will be made.

**c) SE Group – Scope of Work Presentation for TOD (Transit Oriented Development) Town Center**  
Alex Belanz from the SE Group presented what the project will involve and their timeline. It's a one-year project covering Middlebrook Road and the Little Chicago Road area that should wrap up in spring 2025. Once the design work is under way, they will have a community meeting to gather input. The plan includes scheduled check-ins with the Selectboard and the Planning Commission. Bonnie Barnes and Jean Richardson are part of a steering committee that will have regular check-ins on the project. This will also determine if changes are needed to the town plan.

**d) Kelly Brush Cycling Event Ride**

Betsy Cabrera, representing the Kelly Brush Cycling event, attended to answer any questions the board might have. All appropriate documents were received in advance and are complete.

Chris Campbell moved to approve the request for the Kelly Brush Cycling event using town roads. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**e) Insuring Union Meeting Hall at Historical Value**

Pam Cousino stated that the grants received for the Union Meeting Hall require the insurance to be at a historic preservation assessment. Rick Kerschner said they will be checking with the Preservation Trust for assessor recommendations.

**5. Selectboard Old Business**

None

**6. Selectboard General Business**

**a) Union Meeting Hall updates**

Rick Kerschner reported they are trying to get approval to move forward with the brick repair.

**b) Update on changing Fire Department to a Municipality**

Bill Wager is gathering information on other towns who have gone through this process.

**7. Other Business**

**a) Set times to meet with Human Rights Commission**

Clark Hinsdale is speaking with Kevin Kite regarding the interviews and is not prepared to set times yet.

**8. Correspondence**

**b) Ambulance Service Agreement with VARS**

VARS sent an Ambulance Service agreement for approval. Walter Reed II asked to table this until the five-town meeting is held. They are striving to create a standardized contract.

**9. Selectboard to Approve or Sign**

**a) Approve and sign Addison County Sheriff Contract**

A Police Services Contract was received from the Addison County Sheriff for approval and signature.

Chris Campbell moved to approve and sign the Police Services Contract with the Addison County Sheriff's Department. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**b) Approve and sign Homeward Bound Animal Town Contract**

The annual contract was received from Homeward Bound for the period of May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025.

Jim Benoit moved to approve and sign the Homeward Bound Contract for May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025 choosing Option 2 - flat fee. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**c) Approve Liquor Licenses for Dollar General – Second Class and Tobacco License**

Jim Benoit moved to approve the Dollar General second-class liquor and tobacco licenses. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**d) Selectboard Warrant**

Jim Benoit moved to approve the warrants for \$50,329.82. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**10. Adjourn**

Jim Benoit moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Steve Fleming seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Allen