

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH  
SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
July 16, 2013**

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

Others present: Bob McNary, Bessie Sessions, Chet Hawkins, Katharine Quinn, Rachel Quinn and Ryan Cornellier

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

Public Comment

Bob McNary mentions that PACE has gotten its funding. The Selectboard needs to decide who will administer the program, VEIC or the town. The funding is from the Vermont Energy Investment Corp., an arm of Efficiency Vermont. Bob believes that VEIC should be the administrator. Bob will try to have someone come to speak to the board before they make their decision. The Board asks Bob to try for the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:30.

Rachel Quinn asked about renting the upstairs hall for a wedding on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Sally Torrey moves to approve the rental agreement with a \$200 security deposit and \$200 for the rental on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, seconded by Jim Warden. So voted.

Jim Warden moves to approve the ethics policy, as written with changes to 10a and 10b, seconded by Sally Torrey. So voted.

Loretta Lawrence hands out the statute for injured highways. Is the ditch, which is part of the right of way, considered part of the highway? Jim Warden suggests that we get a free legal opinion from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, instead of asking the town attorney. Loretta will get a legal opinion from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns regarding how to proceed with the 2 culverts that were removed by Bernie Dam on Button Bay Road.

John DeVos moves to approve the minutes of July 2<sup>nd</sup> with three additions; the first is in the first paragraph – delete – “The Board replies they haven’t yet” and add – “The Board stated that they have met with two auditors, Sue Duke and Tom Drumheller. The auditors were going to check into the deficiencies and report back to the Board when completed. At this point in time, the Board has not heard back from the Auditors”.

The second is at the very end of the first paragraph; add “The Chair asked John Bull if he wanted to schedule an executive session in regard to his concerns. John stated that he was fine with having the discussion in the public forum. The Board stated that there needs to be better communication between the Select Board and the Road Foreman. Board members Jim Benoit and Jim Warden have already met once with the Road Foreman and have scheduled another meeting for Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. The Board also stated that they were planning on meeting with Pam Cousino on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The Chair asked Chet Hawkins if he would like to join the meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>.”

The third one is at the very beginning of second paragraph – add “John Bull reported on the status of the Highway Building Committee. He stated that due to a very busy spring and summer, he has not had the time to dedicate to the committee. John stated that he was stepping down as the Chairman of the Highway Building Committee. He stated that he would schedule a building committee meeting so that the committee could elect a new chairman.” Jim Warden seconded. So voted.

John DeVos moves to approve the minutes of the July 2<sup>nd</sup> executive session as written, seconded by Jim Warden. So voted.

It was mentioned that the cemeteries are not being trimmed close to the fence. Loretta Lawrence will speak with Garrit Smits.

Jim Warden moves to approve the warrant with the addition of the Garrit Smits bill, second by John DeVos. So voted.

Sally Torrey moved to approve the Avonda yearly maintenance agreement for \$1730 and have Loretta sign it, seconded by Jim Warden. So voted.

Bessie Session asked if Mike Magoon had met the deadline for the survey on the town shed property. Loretta responded that the deadline had been met.

Loretta Lawrence signs the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Green Mountain Getaway MS Bike Ride letter to be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Warden asked that the Selectboard agenda have a section for old business and new business.

Sally Torrey moves to go into executive to discuss personnel, inviting Chet Hawkins and Pam Cousino, seconded by Jim Warden. So voted.

John DeVos moved to leave executive session at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Sally Torrey. So voted. John DeVos moves to look into the possibility of looking for a part time, 20 hours per week, Assistant Treasurer, seconded by Sally Torrey. So voted.

At 8:35 p.m. John DeVos moved to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Sally Torrey. So voted

John DeVos moved to leave executive session at 8:48, seconded by Jim Warden. So voted. No action taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cousino  
Assistant Clerk