

**Town of Ferrisburgh  
Selectboard Minutes  
July 20, 2021**

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

**Town officials present:** Pam Cousino, Town Clerk, Deb Healey, Treasurer

**Visitors present:** Jean Richardson, Steve Huffaker

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

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

**2. Approve Minutes – Executive session, July 6, 2021; Regular meeting, July 6, 2021**

Clark Hinsdale asked for approval of the minutes for the Executive Session on July 6, 2021. Jim Benoit moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Executive Session as submitted. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Clark Hinsdale asked for approval of the regular meeting minutes on July 6, 2021. Jim Benoit moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 6, 2021 as submitted. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**3. Public Comment**

Pam Cousino reported that she has received some information regarding cyanobacteria at Button Bay, Arnold Bay, and Kingsland Bay. Discussion followed about how to notify residents. Pam will put it on the town website, Front Porch Forum, Facebook, and look into purchasing signs for the town beach.

**4. Selectboard New Business**

**a) FY 2021 -2022 Vergennes Fire Dept. contract discussion re: how to determine values**

Reviewed and discussed the data provided for the proposed FY2021-2022 fee. To further discuss the contract, Bill Wager, Ron Redmond, and Jim Breur will be invited to a meeting.

**5. Selectboard Old Business**

**a. Review and sign revised contract for painting exterior of town offices building**

Reviewed the changes made to the contract including the start and end date as well as a correction to the contractor’s name. There was a question about including the hourly rate in the contract.

Red Muir moved to approve the amended contract for painting the town hall and in addition request a current rate sheet. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**b. Steve Huffaker – Maple Broadband – request for rental of upstairs community center**

Steve Huffaker presented a proposed resolution that would allow meetings to be held electronically unless a person requested a physical location. He will be presenting this to all delegates. Discussion was held on the possibility of using the town hall if a physical location is required and Pam Cousino said he would just need to complete the standard agreement.

Maple Broadband is now working on pre-construction tasks and will probably continue on these through July of 2022. They are one month away from contracting with a national operator. He mentioned that this industry is also impacted by difficulty getting materials and a shortage of qualified workers.

**6. Selectboard General Business**

None

**7. Other Business**

Clark Hinsdale reported he asked John Bull about road side mowing to reduce invasives. John said they are getting ready to make the second pass.

Red Muir reported the construction fencing and signs are up at the Union Meeting Hall. He has noticed that there are still five vehicles parked in the right of way every night. Pam will draft a letter outlining the agreed upon requirements.

**8. Correspondence**

**a) Addison County Sheriff's Department – request to attend meeting re: state of community**

A letter was received requesting a representative from Ferrisburgh to attend a meeting on the state of the community on July 22. Since the letter was sent the meeting has been rescheduled to August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.

**9. Selectboard to approve or Sign**

**a) Approve updated zoning and subdivision fees**

The proposed zoning board and subdivision fee schedule was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Boards with both boards giving their support. Clark Hinsdale commented that there is not a separate item for large businesses that require much more effort than other types of permits.

Jim Benoit moved to approve the proposed zoning and subdivision fees as presented by Bonnie Barnes. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. Red Muir, Chris Campbell and Jim Benoit voted in favor. Clark Hinsdale abstained. MOTION PASSED

**b) Selectboard Warrant**

Chris Campbell moved to approve the warrant in the amount of \$395,140.10. Red Muir seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**10. Adjourn**

Red Muir moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Allen