

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Selectboard Minutes
August 20, 2024**

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

Town officials present: Pam Cousino, Town Clerk, John Bull, Highway Department Superintendent, Laurie Curler, Assistant Town Clerk, Bill Wager, Fire Chief

Visitors present: Bessie Sessions, Jeanne Kelly

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 August 6, 2024, Special Selectboard Meeting August 1, 2024

Chris Campbell moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for August 6, 2024 as presented. Walter Reed II seconded the motion. Chris Campbell, Walter Reed II, Steve Fleming, and Clark Hinsdale approved. Jim Benoit abstained. MOTION PASSED

Jim Benoit moved to approve the special meeting minutes for August 1, 2024. Steve Fleming 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 they are a few weeks behind on regular projects due to cleanup from the last two storms. They are 95% complete on the repairs. The two storms have not yet been declared a disaster as FEMA waits for new allocations to be approved. John has determined it is best to increase the size of the Monkton Road culvert. He is waiting on the hydraulics study for Old Hollow Road. Jim Benoit asked about protocol for employees during these storms and John will follow up with his staff.

They have done some work to prepare for paving.

b. Hazardous Ordinance – Draft

Pam Cousino stated this is a very rough draft that they have compiled from many sources as a starting point. Bill Wager stated he has given it an initial review and forwarded it to his department for review. Chris Campbell suggested contacting the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement leg of the VSP to review this.

5. Selectboard Old Business

a) Cross Road Culvert Update

Postponed to a future meeting.

6. Selectboard General Business

a) Listers Correction – Parcel ID 15/02/47 – Warden, 455 Plank Road

Steve Fleming moved to amend the 2024 Grand List for Parcel ID 15/02/47. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

b) Union Meeting Hall update

None

c) Brown Church update

Lawyers are still communicating and the buyers would like to close by the end of August. Walter Reed II asked if the amount the town has spent on the church to date has been determined yet.

d) Update on changing Fire Department to a Municipality

Chris Campbell spoke to Bill Wager and Bill has setup a meeting with Chief Brett LaRose of the Bristol Fire Department to learn about their transition to a municipality.

7. Other Business

8. Correspondence

a) Glenn Deruchie – Juvenile Diabetes Fund Raiser (JDRF) Bike Ride

Glenn Deruchie responded to Pam Cousino's call expressing the Selectboards concerns from the recent bike ride. Glenn apologized and stated he will address this with riders. He also expressed thanks to John Bull and crew for quickly repairing washouts so they could maintain their route.

The July report was received from VARS. Walter Reed II gave his latest update and stated they have found discrepancies in the financial information they received. The five-town group had a call with the state advisory board.

9. Selectboard to Approve or Sign

a) Selectboard Warrant

Walter Reed II moved to approve the warrants in the amount of \$30,983.81 and hold the VARS payment of \$39,690.00. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

10. Adjourn

Jim Benoit moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Allen