

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
September 3, 2013**

Members present: Loretta Lawrence-Chair, Jim Warden, Jim Benoit and John DeVos

Others present: Bob McNary, Bessie Sessions, John Bull, Mike Quinn, Duncan Harris Red Muir, Carl Cole, Mike Capra and Tom Denecker

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

Public Comment

Mike Quinn, the Towns Blue Cross agent, describes the changes to VT Health Connect. There are 9 plans available from BC/BS plus 3 choice plans. The employers must offer all plans and the individual employee picks the plan that they want. Mike will go over the plans with the employees to help them make their choice. Currently the Town has a high deductible plan with an HRA to pay the deductible which is the least expensive plan with the best coverage. The Selectboard needs to determine what the town will pay and the individual employee picks a plan that suits the individual best. Mike has a hand out for the Board. The Board thanks Mike for his help.

Old Business

Sheila McGregor's dogs. Jim Warden has talked with the Health Officer and the Animal Control Officer, and the VT AG Department. They will do an inspection of the property. The Humane Society has visited her. The Secretary of State has her registered as a Rescue Center. Jim Warden wants to meet with the neighbors to get a statement. There are reports of 30 dogs on site. Jim Warden feels that this situation is out of control and wants to meet with the State Police and the Town Attorney.

John DeVos moves to authorize Jim Warden to meet with the Town Attorney to find out what to do next; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Bernie Dam ditch issues Loretta Lawrence will get a letter from the Town Attorney to send to Mr. Dam.

Jim Benoit will call Avonda about the leak in the radiator.

PACE The Town has until September 10th to sign the contract. Loretta Lawrence would like to meet with the Town Attorney to review the contract.

Jim Benoit moves to authorize Loretta to meet with the Town Attorney; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

New Business

The Board will work on the Reserve Balance Fund next meeting.

Jim Warden moves to approve the minutes of August 20th with the addition of "Sally Torrey volunteers to do the distribution of the ethics policy next meeting"; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Jim Warden moves to approve the warrant; second by John DeVos. So voted.

Public Comment

Cliff Mix, Town Tree Warden, has review the Town Park and advises against tapping the maple trees. The Board will have the dead branches removed. The Job Corp is too busy to do it right away. The Board will ask Stan Field for recommendations on maintenance of the trees. Jim Warden will speak to the FFA teacher Bill VanDeWeert about planting a replacement tree in the park and planting flowers at the Clerks' office next spring.

Other Business

There is a loose railing on the stairway to the balcony that needs to be repaired. Jim Warden will have someone look at it.

Jim Benoit moves to enter executive session at 8:08 pm to discuss the RT 7 & 22A land sale inviting Carl Cole, Bob McNary, Mike Capra and Tom Denecker to attend; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Jim Benoit moves to come out of executive session at 8:35 pm. Seconded by Jim Warden. Motion passes. No action taken.

John DeVos moves to go back into executive session, inviting Duncan Harris to join the board. Seconded by Jim Benoit. Motion passes.

Jim Benoit moves to come out of executive session at 8:55 pm. Seconded by Jim Warden. Motion passes. No action taken.

Respectively submitted,

Loretta Lawrence