

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
September 17, 2013**

Members present: Loretta Lawrence-Chair, Jim Warden, Jim Benoit and Sally Torrey

Others present: Bob McNary, Bessie Sessions, Duncan Harris, Tim Boutin, Jean Silveria, Bernie Dam and Bill Sullivan

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

Sally Torrey moves to amend the agenda to have the Round Barn Farm Homeowners Assoc. go first; second by Jim Benoit. So voted

Sally Torrey moves to approve the rental agreement with the Round Barn Farm Homeowners Assoc.; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Tim Boutin from Regional Planning is present to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan request that he sent to the town a year ago. The grant for the plan has been approved. He has a hand out for the Board. If the Town has a Hazard Mitigation Plan the disaster assistance reimbursement is increased. The Town needs a Hazard Mitigation Planning committee which should have members from the Selectboard, Schoolboard, Road Crew, Planning Commission, Zoning Board, Fire Chief and the Emergency Coordinator.

Jim Warden moves to continue to move forward and support the plan; second by Sally Torrey. So voted. The Board thanks Tim.

Public Comment

Bob McNary reports that the land at the corner of Route 7 and 22A needs to be mowed.

Old Business

Sheila McGregor's dogs. Jim Warden has met with the Town Attorney and is working on the problem and the VT AG Department is going to do an inspection of the property.

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

Jim Warden and Sally Torrey will distribute the Ethics Policy. Bob McNary has questions about the policy. He hasn't had a chance to read it yet and doesn't want to sign what he hasn't read. Sally Torrey says that you don't have to read or sign the policy and if there are any questions just ask the Selectboard. Bob McNary states that the policy be handed out before meetings by a member of the Selectboard and then if a member had a question it could be answered at the meeting.

Jim Benoit will talk with the Road Forman about the Parking Ordinance.

Bob McNary feels that there should be a bike riding policy that explains the Towns expectations for bike riders.

Jim Benoit has called Avonda about the leak in the radiator and they are working on a fix for the problem.

PACE The Board feels the program is very confusing, has changed frequently and has a high interest rate.

Jim Warden moves table the program until further information is received; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

New Business

The sewer alarm is having problems and the Clerk will call the septic company.

Sally Torrey moves to authorize the Clerk to sign the Conflict Waiver from Burak Anderson & Melloni regarding their representing Denecker in the purchase of the RT7 & 22A land that they represent the Town in Bond negotiations; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Jim Warden moves to approve the printing and mailing of a notice to change the location of future votes to the Town Offices; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Sally Torrey moves to authorize Loretta Lawrence to be the Town Delegate at Town Fair; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

The Board will meet with Charles Paolantonio about the rental of the Union Meeting Hall next meeting at 6:30pm.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the Listers Correction on the Duncan Adamson property Parcel ID 99/99/99.008 from \$267,200 to \$225,300; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the Listers Correction on the Jack Ploof property Parcel ID 05/01/11.3 from \$152,000 to \$209,400; second by Jim Benoit.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the minutes of August 27th as written; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Jim Warden moves to approve the minutes of September 3rd as written; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the warrant; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Public Comment

Bob McNary asks how the radiator repair is going. Jim Benoit is working with Avonda on the problem.

Sally Torrey moves to enter executive session at 8 pm to discuss the RT 7 & 22A land sale inviting Duncan Harris to attend; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Bob McNary asks why they go into executive session when the story is in the paper.

Duncan Harris replies that the figures are not publicly available and it is still confidential.

Jim W. motioned to leave executive session at 8:20. Seconded by Jim B. all in favor. No action taken.

Jim W. motioned to enter executive session at 8:25 to discuss personnel. Jim B. seconded all in favor.

Sally made motion to leave executive session at 8:44. Jim W. seconded, all in favor.

Jim W made the motion to engage Mike Quinn as insurance broker for one year. Jim B seconded. All in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Chet Hawkins
Clerk