

**Town of Ferrisburgh  
Selectboard Minutes  
September 17, 2024**

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

**Town officials present:** Pam Cousino, Town Clerk, Laurie Curler, Reilly Laberge, Highway Department Foreman, Bill Wager, Fire Chief

**Visitors present:** Bessie Sessions, Jeanne Kelly, Ashley LaFlam, Laura Stone, Cory Burrall, Ron & Cindy Ulmer, Lindsey Brown, Muff Parsons-Reinhardt, Laura Dolan, Daniel Dolan, MacKenzie Seeley, Kit Cahill, Mike Winslow, Shane Coyle, Katie Hill, Judy Chaves, Bonnie Barnes, Jean Richardson, Craig Heindel, Susan McKibben, Alan McKibben, Tim Davis

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

Clark Hinsdale called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**2. Approve Minutes – Regular meeting September 3, 2024**

Walter Reed II moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 3, 2024 as presented. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. Chris Campbell, Jim Benoit, Walter Reed II, and Clark Hinsdale voted in favor. Steve Fleming abstained. MOTION PASSED

**3. Public Comment**

Ron Ulmer inquired about additional work to address passing on the Lewis Creek bridge.

**4. Selectboard New Business**

**a. John Bull – Highway Operations Report**

Reilly Laberge stated they installed a culvert on Basin Harbor Road and will be paving on Long Point, Old Hollow, Sand, and Schoolhouse Roads. They will begin roadside mowing once the lawn mowing slows down. There will be a FEMA study done on the Monkton Road culvert.

**b. VT Agency of Transportation Bridge 139 over Lewis Creek Scoping Report – Laura Stone**

Laura Stone presented the scope of the repairs to Bridge 139 over Lewis Creek. The project has been funded through federal and state funds and is currently planned for 2028. She presented the options considered and the one they are proposing to replace the deck of the bridge as the substructure is in good shape. The project will require an offsite detour that is estimated to be in place for 30 days. Concerns were expressed about the detour going through the Hollow Road and discussed that Greenbush Road would be a better alternative. Clark mentioned the current conversations with the state regarding the high accident rate at the Green Bush Road and Route 7 intersection and the town's request to add a left turn lane. Reilly Laberge inquired about truck traffic and recommended that they be detoured in Addison and directed to Route 17 East to Route 116. Laura stated that enforcement and signage can be covered by the project. The full project Scoping Report is available at

<https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/vtrans/external/projects/Structures/223390>

**5. Selectboard Old Business**

**a. Union Meeting Hall Animating Infrastructure Design – Installation design final approval - Ashley LaFlam**

Ashley LaFlam provided a presentation on the survey results and the design ideas for the sculpture for the Union Meeting Hall green. They have received community input and presented

the artists' concepts at Ferrisburgh Day. Farming and waterways were the top themes, and the first sculpture will focus on farming. The board had positive feedback for the design ideas.

**b. Insuring Union Meeting Hall at Historical Value**

No update

**c. Old Hollow Road Closure evening of 10/31/24 – continue discussion**

Chris Campbell has confirmed that the Sherriff's Department will provide resources during the event.

**d. Hazardous Materials Ordinance - Draft**

No update

**6. Selectboard General Business**

**a) Union Meeting Hall update – Approve VT Heavy Timber change order and contract extension**

Ashley LaFlam explained the need for a change order and contract extension for VT Heavy Timber to complete the work. The change order covers the work needed for the additional damage that was found. Work had stopped while waiting for the NPS to approve the changes needed resulting in a need to extend the contract.

Chris Campbell moved to approve the change order for \$37,183 and extend the contract date to 12/31/24 due to the NPS delay. Steve Fleming seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**b) Brown Church update**

This is still within the 30 days of the public notice being posted. Walter Reed II stated the Historical Society wants the chandelier and it was agreed that it's okay to remove it.

**c) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Pam Cousino reported that they are still on track to submit the draft on September 20<sup>th</sup>. They will send the draft out for the board to review and comment.

**7. Other Business**

None

**8. Correspondence**

**a) Vermont Gas Systems - Addison Natural Gas Project**

VGS sent a letter to provide a courtesy heads up about a regulatory notice. This has no impact on the town.

**9. Selectboard to Approve or Sign**

**a) Building Maintenance Committee Draft Sept. 3, 2024 Minutes**

The Building Maintenance Committee submitted their draft minutes for the September 3, 2024 meeting. There is no action required.

**b) Selectboard Warrant**

*-- Ferrisburgh Selectboard, September 17, 2024 --*

Walter Reed II moved to approve the warrants in the amount of \$201,092.73. Steve Fleming seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**10. Adjourn**

Jim Benoit moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Allen