

Town of Ferrisburgh
Selectboard Minutes / DRAFT
September 19, 2017

Members present: Jim Benoit, Rick Ebel, Steve Gutowski, Loretta Lawrence.
Michael "Red" Muir joined the meeting by telephone.

Town officials present: John Bull, road foreman; Deb Healey, town treasurer; Gloria Warden, town clerk.

Visitors present: Kristin DeBellis, Bessie Sessions.

1. 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting — call to order.

Loretta Lawrence, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approve minutes — September 5, 2017.

Jim Benoit made a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2017, as submitted. Rick Ebel seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

3. Selectboard new business

(a) Wayne Stearns — culvert issue. Since Wayne Stearns was unable to attend, this agenda item was tabled until the next regular selectboard meeting on October 3, 2017.

(b) John Bull — highway operations report. John Bull informed the board that the Y intersection at Webster Street and Jersey Street was taken out to improve traffic flow. He said two cemeteries were cleared of brush, seeded, and mulched. Roadside mowing will begin when the rented boom mower is available. John gave details regarding the US Route 7 project. He plans to meet with the State and the project engineer to discuss various items, including why the town has been asked to pay for a permit to fix the part of the road that is flooding in North Ferrisburgh. John said when he rebuilds part of Mt Philo Road he will ask the transportation department to set up a sign package so the road can be closed during the project.

(c) Kristin DeBellis — application for Deputy Health Officer position. After discussion of the position with Kristin DeBellis, Steve Gutowski made a motion to recommend Kristen DeBellis to the Vermont Department of Health as the town's Deputy Health Officer, for the term of three years. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(d) Review draft language for computer use policy. This agenda item was tabled until the next regular selectboard meeting on October 3, 2017.

4. Selectboard old business

(a) Update on security cameras. George Gardner, owner of George's Locks & Security, LLC, sent an email to the board stating that due to the death of the tech support person, he would not be able to provide the video system for the Ferrisburgh Community Center and Town Offices. The board expressed appreciation for George's honesty: he would not sell a system to the town that he could not support. Loretta Lawrence will obtain quotes from Vermont Life Safety and possibly Integrity Systems.

5. Selectboard general business

(a) Vermont Green Line (VGL) Committee update. Rick Ebel, a member of the VGL Committee, submitted an invoice approved by the VGL Committee to the selectboard. Jim Benoit made a motion to approve payment of the invoice from Carroll, Boe & Pell, in the amount of \$950.00 from the VGL escrow account. Rick Ebel seconded. Jim Benoit, Rick Ebel, Loretta Lawrence, and Red Muir voted in favor. Steve Gutowski abstained. MOTION PASSED.

6. Public comment

Gloria Warden stated that a light in the parking lot is not working.

Gloria Warden informed the board that Google Earth would be surveying the area in the near future. The company offered to include interior shots, if time allows.

7. Other business

Stating safety and liability concerns, the board authorized Gloria Warden to have the parking lot light repaired. Gloria will contact Frank Galuszka, electrician.

Steve Gutowski asked the board when the traffic study would begin on Shellhouse Mountain Road. Loretta Lawrence said Josh Donabedian, transportation planner at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, is out of the office for a month.

After discussion, the board decided to allow Google Earth to photograph the upstairs community hall.

8. Correspondence

(a) Vermont League of Cities & Towns — training for Town Health Officers. By letter, the town was notified about a free town health officer training series to be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, in Fairlee, Vermont, and October 24, 2017, in Brattleboro, Vermont.

(b) Jaimeelynn Gaborialt, Animal Control Officer — letter to Sheila McGregor, owner of Heidi's Haven Rescue. Jaimeelynn Gaborialt sent a certified letter to Sheila McGregor containing a reference to Article V of the town's animal/dog ordinance. Sheila McGregor did not sign for the certified letter.

9. Selectboard to approve or sign

(a) Justus DeVries, Jr. — listers' amendments to 2017 Grand List. Red Muir made a motion to accept the listers' corrected values as noted below. Rick Ebel seconded. Rick Ebel, Loretta Lawrence, and Red Muir voted in favor. Jim Benoit and Steve Gutowski voted against. MOTION PASSED.

Parcel ID #12/01/03, property owned by Robert and Loek Neimeth at 884 Arnold Bay Road, from \$2,213,100 to \$1,84,100

Parcel ID #88/88/88.004, owned by Green Mountain Power, from \$6,300,300 to \$6,147,700

Parcel ID #14/01/07.WIND, owned by Green Mountain Power, from \$144,500 to \$152,600

Parcel ID #88/88/88.002, owned by Green Mountain Power, from \$459,300 to \$457,200

(b) City of Vergennes — Fire Protection Agreement. After review, Rick Ebel made a motion to accept the 2018 Fire Protection Agreement for \$165,117.00. Steve Gutowski seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(c) Selectboard warrant September 5, 2017. The board reviewed two manual deposits—payroll and Community Bank—missing from the warrant approved at the last regular selectboard meeting on September 14, 2017. Jim Benoit made a motion to approve revised September 5, 2017, selectboard warrant. Rick Ebel seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(d) Selectboard warrant. After review, Jim Benoit made a motion to approve the selectboard warrant, which details town expenditures, for a total of \$1,508,448.33. Steve Gutowski seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

10. Adjourn

Jim Benoit made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Rick Ebel seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Silveira