

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
October 1, 2013**

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

Others present: Bob McNary, Chet Hawkins, Bessie Sessions, Lisa Brace, Scott Brace, Gordie Myers, Jan Myers, Michael Cloutier, Lani Malapan – PACE, Charlie Paolantonio, David Warner and Duncan Harris,

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

Lani Malapan from PACE was present to answer questions regarding the PACE program. She mentions that Efficiency Vermont can't provide legal guidance. The homeowner self certifies that there are no involuntary liens. Each town is then supposed to double check the land records to confirm that there are no involuntary liens. The town is not held harmless. She also mentions that the towns can delay for the first 2 or 3 rounds before they have to participate. The loan amounts for the PACE program are a minimum of \$3500 and a maximum of \$30,000, or 15% of assessed value of home, whichever is less. Total cost to borrower is 7.25% plus 2% for the loan loss account. It consists of an inter-local agreement and an administration agreement.

Charlie Paolantonio is present from the Crossroads Chapel to see if they could again rent the Union Meeting Hall. Charlie will take the list of items that need to be done to make the building up to code and see if the church members will do those repairs. He will then get back to the board.

Martha Davis asked the board if a W-9 could be signed by the treasurer for the bank regarding the ice skating rink. She also asked if the board would approve having Loretta sign a proposal for geotechnical services with Knight Consulting Engineers, Inc. to ensure that payment will be made for services performed. Jim Warden moves to allow Loretta to sign the proposal for geotechnical engineering services for the proposed skating rink, seconded by Sally Torrey. So voted.

Sally Torrey then moved to have Chet Hawkins, Town Treasurer sign the W-9 for the bank, seconded by John DeVos. So voted.

Public Comment

Bob McNary asks who will do the work at the Union Meeting Hall and wonders what the insurance coverage is on the Union Meeting Hall. Pam will get the information on the insurance coverage.

Old Business

Jim Warden is still working on the Sheila McGregor dog situation.
The reserve balance fund is tabled.

Regarding the Parking Ordinance, Jim Benoit is still working on it with John Bull, the Road Foreman.

A replacement has been ordered for the leaking radiator. It is very similar to the one we currently have but costs \$1379 versus \$2700.

New Business

David Warner Jr wants to rent the upstairs hall on the 11th of January, 2014 for a wedding from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Jim Warden moves to approve the rental of the hall with a \$200 damage deposit for 5 hours at \$100 per hour, seconded by Sally Torrey. So voted.

Sally Torrey moves to allow Chet Hawkins to sign the catering permit for Sugarsnap for a wedding at Rokeby Museum for October 19th, seconded by Jim Benoit. So voted.

The board asks that the current contract for the Sheriff be copied for the next board meeting. They would also like the Sheriff to attend the next meeting.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the minutes of September 17th meeting as written; seconded by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Jim Benoit moves to approve the warrant as presented; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

John DeVos moves to approve and sign the recycling contract with the City of Vergennes for the FY2014 year for \$5,200.00, seconded by Sally Torrey. So voted.

Sally Torrey moves to approve and sign the fire contract with the Vergennes Fire Department at \$44,416 per year, plus \$8.00 per hour for each member who responds to said fire call, seconded by Jim Warden. So voted.

Public Comment

Bob McNary would like the minutes from September 17th to be corrected to state, regarding the ethics policy, "That it 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 Warden makes a motion, seconded by Jim Benoit to amend the minutes of September 17th to state the above. So voted.

Jim Warden asks about the trees at the Union Meeting Hall. Loretta Lawrence states that an arborist is giving a free estimate and the Vermont Forest, Parks and Recreation will also be looking at the trees. It has also been mentioned by the Tree Warden, Cliff Mix, that the trees should not be tapped if we would like them to last a long time. Jim Warden also asks if the Blue Sky Window Cleaning Company had stopped by. Pam Cousino mentions that they were here and will be submitting an estimate.

Mike Cloutier asked about little orange flags that were along the ditch by his home on Button Bay Road and wanted to know the status on the repairs to the ditch. The flags are probably from Dig Safe but Jim Benoit will confirm that with the road foreman. An attorney is now involved.

John DeVos moves to enter executive session at 7:59 pm to discuss the RT 7 & 22A land sale inviting Duncan Harris to attend; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Jim Benoit made the motion to leave executive session at 8:07. Jim W. seconded the motion, all in favor.

Jim Benoit made the motion to authorize Loretta Lawrence to sign the purchase and sales agreement for 7 and 22A upon the final approval of our Town Attorney, Jim Carroll and our Realtor, Duncan Harris. Jim Warden seconded, all in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11.

Respectively submitted,

Pam Cousino
Clerk