

**Town of Ferrisburgh  
Selectboard Minutes  
October 1, 2024**

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

**Town officials present:** Pam Cousino, Town Clerk, Laurie Curler, Assistant Town Clerk

**Visitors present:** Bessie Sessions, Jean Richardson, Kurt Haigis, Craig Heindel, Aaron Schondube, Ariel Smith

**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 17, 2024**

Jim Benoit moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 17, 2024 as presented. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. Walter Reed II requested a clarification on item 4.b. adding Greenbush Road and Route 7 to the sentence regarding the conversations with the state about that intersection.

All voted in favor of the amended minutes. MOTION PASSED

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Selectboard New Business**

**a. Ferrisburgh Sled Heads – Aaron Schondube – Request for Using Snowmobile Trails**

Aaron Schondube requested the use of the Town Forest for the snowmobile trail and a portion of Hand Road to get back on the VAST trail. Craig Heindel submitted a memo from the Conservation Commission stating their approval and outlining their requests to respect and care for the use of the north-south trail.

Jim Benoit moved to approve the use of the Town Forest and Hand Road for snowmobiling following the Conservation Commission’s requests. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**5. Selectboard Old Business**

**a. Permission to apply for continuation of MERP (Municipal Energy Resilience Program)**

Kurt Haigis provided the latest application to apply for the MERP grant. He was notified previously that Ferrisburgh would not be able to participate but has since received word that Ferrisburgh will be included and should continue with the application process. Board approval will allow the Energy Committee to submit the application to apply for a grant to make energy improvements to the Town Hall and the Fire Station.

Steve Fleming moved to approve the application to allow for the conversation to continue and provide answers to any questions. Walter Reed II seconded the motion. Steve Fleming, Jim Benoit, Walter Reed II, and Clark Hinsdale voted in favor. Chris Campbell voted against. MOTION PASSED

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

Ariel Smith provided follow up on her action items for the road closure for trick or treating. She has been checking with neighbors and has received positive feedback on closing the road for Halloween. She has also confirmed the church will allow parking to be done in their lot and they want to participate. Chris Campbell has confirmed that the Sherriff's Department will provide resources during the event.

Chris Campbell moved to approve the closing of Old Hollow Road from Mt Philo Road to Four Winds Road on October 31, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Walter Reed II seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**6. Selectboard General Business**

**a) Union Meeting Hall update**

None

**b) Brown Church update**

The 30-day window has passed and no petitions were submitted.

**c) Potential Conflict of Interest – Executive Session – premature general public knowledge would clearly place the person at a substantial disadvantage 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(4)**

7:38 p.m. Chris Campbell moved that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the person at a substantial disadvantage. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

7:39 p.m. Chris Campbell moved to go into executive session to discuss a potential conflict of interest per 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(4). Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

8:40 p.m. Chris Campbell moved to come out of executive session. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. There was one abstention. MOTION PASSED

8:40 p.m. Chris Campbell moved to reconvene the open meeting. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

No actions were taken.

**7. Other Business**

**a) Update on recognition dinner Nov. 14th**

Walter Reed II stated invitations have been sent for the volunteer recognition dinner and they are planning the menu.

**8. Correspondence**

**a) Letter of Resignation from Steven True, Zoning Administrator**

Steven True submitted his letter of resignation on September 25, 2024 and his last day will be October 17, 2024.

**9. Selectboard to Approve or Sign**

**a) Sign Town-wide Reappraisal with Tyler Technologies**

The Tyler Technologies Appraisal Services Agreement for a town-wide reappraisal was presented for approval.

Jim Benoit moved to approve the Tyler Technologies Appraisal Services Agreement from March 2025 through June 2026 for \$172,150.00. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**b) Selectboard Warrant**

Walter Reed II moved to approve the warrants in the amount of \$92,774.40. Steve Fleming seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**10. Adjourn**

Chris Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Allen