

**Town of Ferrisburgh -Approved
Selectboard Minutes
October 3, 2023**

Members present: Chris Campbell, Jim Benoit, Walter Reed II, Red Muir

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

Visitors present: Carl Cole, JT Vincent, Todd Hardy, Hannah Townsend, Debra Townsend, Chris Kayhart, Kristina MacKulin, and Nichole Bearer

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

Chris Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

2. Approve Minutes – Regular meeting September 19, 2023 and Special meeting September 14, 2023

Wally Reed moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 19, 2023 and the special meeting minutes of September 14, 2023 as presented and Jim Benoit seconded the motion. Chris asked that he be removed from the list of attendees at the September 14th meeting. All voted in favor with that correction, with Chris Campbell abstaining from the September 14th minutes.
MOTION PASSED

3. Public Comment

No Public comment.

4. Selectboard New Business

a) ANWSD meeting with Chris Kayhart, Kristina MacKulin and Nichole Bearer

3 of the board members from the Addison Northwest School District were present to update the selectboard. Kristina MacKulin went over a list of items. She mentioned that there was a bomb threat at the preschool but nothing was found. Next year the 6th graders will be going to the middle school, located at the high school. There may be a surplus of \$1,700,000 but that hasn't been finalized yet. Enrollment has increased by 9 students this year.

Chris Kayhart mentioned that 3 year contracts have been signed for support personnel. The Addison Central School. Will be returned to the town of Addison. Enrollment is better than expected.

Nichole Bearer mentioned that they are doing a literacy program.

b) Listers Corrections

There were four listers corrections submitted to the board by the Listers.

- 1) Sierra Lane, 15/02/15.1, 421 Monkton Road, added dwelling. Original value \$72,100, corrected value \$222,200
- 2) Comcast, 88/88/88.002, corrected assessment from state. Original value \$534,624, corrected value \$583,454
- 3) Vermont Transco, LLC, corrected assessment from state. Original value \$12,381,284, corrected value \$11,353,062
- 4) Richard Solomon & Laurinda Poirier-Solomon, corrected error in CAMA file. Original value \$1,205,900, corrected value \$658,000.

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Red Muir moved to accept the listers corrections as presented, seconded by Walter Reed. It was requested that a Lister attend the meeting for listers corrections in the future. MOTION PASSED

5. Selectboard Old Business

a) Request for extension of 22A & Route 7 property contracts – Carl Cole

Carl Cole was present with Todd Hardy, Debra Townsend, and Hannah Allain. Everything is moving along but more time is needed with ACT 250 before the sale can go through. He is asking for an extension until the end of the year, although everything may not be ready by then. The potential buyers are fully committed and spent a lot of money for the permitting process. After some discussion Jim Benoit moved and Red Muir moved to extend the agreement until March 31, 2023. MOTION PASSED

b) Update Vincent/Thompson Fence issue – Monkton Road

The fence was removed from the neighbor's property but all the conditions haven't been met yet as a replacement fence to keep in the animals hasn't been put in place. JT Vincent was present to state that he is missing another stake. There is now a fence on another part of his (30' to 40' long) property but it has no use as it isn't attached to anything. That fence is in the deeded ROW. James Benoit moved and Walter Reed seconded that a letter will be written stating that all conditions have not been met. The fencing needs to be adequate to keep all livestock, waterfowl, etc in and no fencing in the deeded ROW. Fines will be included. The 30' to 40' fence is a boundary dispute that the board is not involved in. MOTION PASSED

c) Personnel Policy Approval - Pam Cousino

The personnel policy was reviewed. James Benoit had one item to change. That was to add the word buildings to Section 12. The Town Clerk will make the change and remove draft from the document so that it can be signed at the next meeting.

6. Selectboard General Business

a) Shade Tree Ordinance Appointments – Gene Lauer, Reilly LaBerge

Jim Benoit moved to appoint Gene Lauer and Reilly LaBerge to the Shade Tree Committee. Walter Reed seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED

7. Other Business

None

8. Correspondence

9. Selectboard to Approve or Sign

a) Selectboard Warrant

Walter Reed moved to approve and sign the warrant for \$1,771,761.56. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

10. Adjourn

Red Muir moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Walter Reed seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Cousino, Town Clerk