

**Town of Ferrisburgh  
Selectboard Minutes  
October 5, 2021**

**Members present:** Jessica James, Chris Campbell, Michael “Red” Muir, Jim Benoit, Clark Hinsdale

**Town officials present:** Pam Cousino, Town Clerk

**Visitors present:** Bessie Sessions, Jean Richardson, Ashley LaFlam, Jon Deming, Chris Robinson

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

Jessica James called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

Red Muir moved to amend the agenda to change item 9.a), under Selectboard to Approve or Sign, to Sign a Thank You letter to Sbardella Slate, Inc. and move the warrant to 9. b). Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**2. Approve Minutes – Regular meeting, September 21, 2021**

Jim Benoit moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 21, 2021 as presented. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. Jessica James asked to have her vote corrected as abstained on the approval of the September 7, 2021 meeting minutes. Jessica James, Red Muir, Chris Campbell, and Jim Benoit voted in favor. Clark Hinsdale abstained. MOTION PASSED

**3. Public Comment**

Ashley LaFlam gave an update on Ferrisburgh Day. They received wonderful feedback and have already planned Ferrisburgh Day for September 25, 2022. Jean Richardson reported that over 200 people attended.

Pam Cousino mentioned that she might need to hire someone to figure out the best options for the hybrid meetings as far as display, video and audio. Chris Robinson shared that Maria Brown is also working on this for the Vergennes-Panton Water District. Pam will reach out to Maria.

**4. Selectboard New Business**

**a) Discussion of Memorandum of Understanding between the town and Friends of the Union Meeting Hall**

A new draft memorandum was presented after review by all parties. Jim Benoit asked questions about items 14 and 15 to clarify the funds were Friends of the Union Meeting Hall funds from donations and grants. Jim proposed that the items be swapped to help clarify. Clark Hinsdale moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the proposed revision. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**5. Selectboard Old Business**

**a) Jon Deming – Vergennes-Panton Water District – request for 50% of American Rescue Plan Act funds continued**

Jon Deming and Chris Robinson of the Vergennes-Panton Water District presented data on the number of Ferrisburgh residents using their services, financials, where water main breaks have occurred, and a list of locations they identified as the top priorities. The town survey and public hearing will be the opportunity for Ferrisburgh residents to express their interest in funding this request.

**b) Advertise for Zoning Administrator position**

A revised job description for the Zoning Administrator was presented. Chris Campbell moved to approve the job description and advertise for the Zoning Administrator position. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**c) Union Meeting Hall steeple contract - Lift**

Red Muir reported that there was some confusion on the dates of the lift rental and the cost could be higher than originally planned. They will revisit this once the project is complete and the final invoice is submitted.

**6. Selectboard General Business**

**a) Appointment Arabella Holzapfel as alternate to Maple Broadband board**

Jim Benoit moved to appointment Arabella Holzapfel as an alternate to the Maple Broadband board. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**7. Other Business**

None

**8. Correspondence**

**a) Vermont Department of Public Safety – Union Meeting Hall approved occupancy for 49 people**

The Union Meeting Hall has received the approval for 49 person occupancy.

**9. Selectboard to approve or Sign**

**a) Sign a Thank You letter to Karl Sbardella for slate**

A Thank You letter to Sbardella Slate, Inc., for replacing slate, was presented. Red Muir moved to sign the Thank You letter. Clark Hinsdale seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**b) Selectboard Warrant**

Jim Benoit moved to approve the warrants in the amount of \$24,415.07. Clark Hinsdale seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

**10. Adjourn**

Red Muir moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Allen