

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
November 5, 2013**

Members present: Loretta Lawrence-Chair, Sally Torrey, Jim Warden, and Jim Benoit.
Others present: Sue Duke, Tom Drumheller and Chet Hawkins.

The executive session is called to order at 6pm.

Jim Benoit moves to enter executive session inviting Sue Duke, Tom Drumheller and Chet Hawkins; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Jim Benoit moves to leave executive session; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Jim Benoit moves to advertise the position of Town Treasurer, upon finding a suitable candidate the present Treasurer will resign based on the statement by the Board that they can terminate their appointed person; second by Sally Torrey. So voted.

The meeting is opened to the public at 6:20pm.

Others present: Bob McNary, Bessie Sessions, Bill Sullivan, Arabella Holzapfel, Kevin Rooney, Ian Kola, Patrick Murphy and John Bull.

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

Bob McNary speaks about the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont program. He has a handout for the Board. They do many good projects to help homeowners improve their homes. The Board thanks Bob.

Bob also noted that the strange person that video tapes the neighborhood is back and should not be approached on foot as the person could be dangerous.

Old Business

Jim Warden is still working on the Sheila McGregor dog situation. He has spoken with Attorney Jim Carroll and given Jim Carroll what he has collected about the situation. The Attorney will see what the Town can do to solve the problem.

The reserve balance policy is tabled.

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

New Business

Sally Torrey moves to approve the following three Listers Corrections; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Sally Vella, Parcel ID #99/99/99.056, 283 East Road, Ferrisburgh
From 2013 Listed Value: \$143,400.00 2013 to the Corrected Value: \$129,000.00

Sheri Alden, Parcel ID #20/20/19.5, 91 Old Orchard Way, Ferrisburgh
From 2013 Listed Value: \$440,400.00, to the Corrected Value: \$426,400.00

Jeffrey Langeway, Parcel ID #15/02/43.1, Plank Road, Ferrisburgh
From 2013 Listed Value: \$124,200.00 to the Corrected Value: \$104,900.00

Ian Kola and Patrick Murphy from UVM Cycling are present to request the use of Little Chicago Road, Sand Road and Hawkins Road for a bicycle race this April. They would have parking with Port-O-Lets at Kingsland Bay and Avery Road. The Board responds that in April the farmers are spreading and they usually leave a mess on the road and use very large equipment which the Board feels would be unsafe for the racers. At this time the Board is not able to honor the request for the use of the Town roads for the race.

The Board is going to put an ad in the paper for a Town Treasurer for 30 hours per week. The details of the job description will be worked out with the Town Auditors.

Jim Warden moves to discuss the Town Employee Health Insurance at the end of the meeting; second by Sally Torrey. So voted.

Jim Warden moves to approve the minutes of the October 15th meeting with two corrections; to spell foreman correctly and to change the amount of the cost of the building to \$1,050,000; seconded by Jim Benoit. So voted with Sally Torrey abstaining.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the minutes of the October 15th meeting with one correction; to add "It was agreed that the Board will continue to look into this"; seconded by Jim Benoit. So voted with Jim Warden abstaining.

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

Public Comment

Bob McNary states that the town owned land at the corner of RT 7 & 22A has been mowed and looks very good.

John Bull, Road Foreman, reports that the ROW person for the Vermont Gas Company has asked him about permission to use the Towns ROW for the proposed gas line. John will meet with the ROW person again and get more information. John would like the Board to come up with an appropriate agreement for the gas line.

Bob McNary asks about the trees in the Town Park. The Board is seeking a second opinion on what to do. Jim Benoit will check with his contacts for help.

Jim Warden would like the Animal Control Officer to be able to issue non-traffic violations that would be enforced by the courts.

Sally Torrey moves to authorize the Animal Control Officer to be able to issue non-traffic violations; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

The Board will schedule a meeting to start the budget process November 12th at 6pm.

The Board will ask the Sheriff's office to provide traffic control for the December 10th vote.

Jim Benoit moves to enter executive session inviting John Bull and Chet Hawkins at 7:50 pm to discuss the Employee Health Insurance; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Jim Warden made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:10 pm. Motion seconded by Sally Torrey. So voted.

Sally Torrey moves to have the town pay the \$1165.58 premium per month for all insured employees, and to also fund an HRA for the amount of \$2500.00 per year for 2014; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Sally Torrey moves to authorize the following raises starting January 1, 2014: Chet Hawkins- \$0.20; Pam Cousino- \$0.70; John Bull- \$0.70; Tim Warner- \$0.70; Paul Bodington- \$0.20 and Aaron Schondube-\$0.20; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.
Respectively submitted,

Chet Hawkins
Clerk