

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Selectboard Minutes
November 5, 2024**

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

Town officials present: Tom Steadman, Delinquent Tax Collector

Visitors present: Bessie Sessions, Bonnie Barnes, Rick Kerschner, Mike Winslow

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 October 15, 2024, Special Meeting October 29, 2024

Jim Benoit moved to approve the regular meeting minutes for October 15, 2024 as presented.

Walter Reed II seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Jim Benoit moved to approve the special meeting minutes for October 29, 2024 as presented. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. Jim Benoit, Chris Campbell, and Walter Reed II voted in favor. Clark Hinsdale abstained. MOTION PASSED

3. Public Comment

None

4. Selectboard New Business

a. Update from Delinquent Tax Collector – Tom Steadman

Tom Steadman presented data on the past few years of delinquent taxes showing the number is declining.

5. Selectboard Old Business

a. Update on TAP Crosswalk Grant

Bonnie Barnes and Mike Winslow, from the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, reviewed the process for selecting a design engineer for the crosswalk project. They stated the estimated cost for the design work was substantially higher than they had budgeted for the project. Discussion was held on how to move forward, and it was decided to negotiate with DuBois and King and provide an update at the November 19th meeting.

b. Approve and Sign the Preservation Trust Easement for the Union Meeting Hall

Rick Kerschner outlined what is in the easement. The board has not seen the document and requested time to review it. This item will be added to the agenda for November 19, 2024.

c. Personnel/review process – executive session – premature general public knowledge would clearly place the person at a substantial disadvantage. 1 V.S.A §313 (a)(4)

Discussion was held on the rate of pay for the Interim Zoning Administrator (ZA) when performing zoning tasks.

Chris Campbell moved to pay the acting ZA the ZA rate for hours worked on ZA tasks retroactive to their start date. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

6. Selectboard General Business

None

7. Other Business

a) Update on Volunteer recognition dinner

Walter Reed II stated he has about 104 attending. A plan was made for setting up the fire station for the event.

8. Correspondence

a) Tri-Valley Transit Thank you note

Received a thank you note from Tri-Valley Transit for the town's ongoing support with a request for \$3,517 for the coming year.

b) Green Up Vermont Thank you note

Received a thank you note from Green Up Vermont for the town's support and requested level funding for 2025.

c) Resignation letter from Stephen Fleming

Received a resignation letter from Stephen Fleming. The Selectboard accepted his resignation and thanked him for his time.

9. Selectboard to Approve or Sign

a) Approve and Sign FEMA buyout package for 839 Old Hollow Road – Franz Collas

Jim Benoit authorized the chair to approve and sign the FEMA buyout package for 839 Old Hollow Road. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

b) Approve and Sign the Sale of the Brown Church to Blue Moon Property Group, LLC

Walter Reed II moved to convey the Brown Church to Blue Moon Property Group, LLC subject to conditions contained in the deed. Jim Benoit seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Jim Benoit moved to appoint Clark Hinsdale as the agent at the closing of the Brown Church sale to the Blue Moon Property Group, LLC. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

c) Approve Tobacco License and Tobacco Substitute Endorsement for GB, LLC (9th State Cannabis)

Jim Benoit moved to approve a tobacco license and tobacco substitute endorsement for GM, LLC. Walter Reed II seconded the motion. Jim Benoit, Walter Reed II, and Clark Hinsdale voted in favor. Chris Campbell voted against. MOTION PASSED

d) Selectboard Warrant

Jim Benoit moved to approve the warrants in the amount of \$97,231.88. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

10. Adjourn

Jim Benoit moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Chris Campbell seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Allen