

**TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
SELECTBOARD MINUTES
November 19, 2013**

Members present: Loretta Lawrence-Chair, Sally Torrey, Jim Warden, and Jim Benoit.

Others present: Bob McNary, Bessie Sessions, Bill Sullivan, Sue Duke, Tom Drumheller, Carl Cole, Gordy and Jan Myers, Scott and Lisa Brace, Gail Blasius, Laurie Gutowski and Andy Kirkaldy.

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

Laurie Gutowski speaks for the High School Bond Vote to be held on December 10th. It is for kitchen repairs and renovations, upgrades to the auditorium, handicap parking and new bleachers plus they would like to include the recent loan for the roof repairs. Jim Warden asks what is the capacity of the auditorium; is it larger than the opera house. Yes it is replies Carl Cole.

Bob McNary has read the minutes of the Ferrisburgh School board meeting and notes that the business manager would like to be able to sign checks. Bob feels that is a bad idea and the Selectboard should let the School board know that.

Old Business

Jim Warden is still working on the Sheila McGregor dog situation. No one called the Town Attorney. Scott and Lisa Brace are once again here to complain about the danger the dogs are to the neighbors. They have a day care center and Sheila's dogs escape and come onto their property. The dogs haven't been registered nor had their rabies tags. Lisa has to show proof that her dog is registered and had its rabies shot why doesn't Sheila. Jim Warden is very frustrated with the situation. He wants the zoning administrator to issue a violation notice to Sheila about running a kennel. He also wants the animal control officer to issue a ticket for non-registered dogs to Sheila. Scott asks when the Town will take some action against Sheila. Jim Warden says the Town must take proper legal action and asks Lisa to write a letter of complaint to the zoning administrator. Loretta Lawrence will contact the Town Attorney.

The reserve balance policy has been forwarded to the auditors for review.

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 use of the Hall on Dec 11, Feb 9, and March 9 by the Historical Society with the fee waived; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

There is a discussion with the Town Treasurer. Before the discussion ensued regarding the Treasurer's questions, the Selectboard Chair asked if he wanted to have an executive session in regard to the discussion regarding the Treasurer's position and job qualifications and performance. He stated that he did not wish to have an executive session.

The Treasures work load is increasing and he would like to appoint an additional assistant for twenty hours a week. The Selectboard and Auditors would like the Treasurer to resign and then they could appoint someone to replace him. The Treasurer would rather appoint an assistant then if the appointment did not work out well he could terminate the

assistant. If he resigns and the Board appoints someone it will be until the next election because the Board cannot remove whoever they appoint to replace an elected official. The Treasurer does not feel that this is in the best interest of the town and wishes that the Board would reconsider and let him appoint someone with their approval. No consensus is reached at the end of the discussion.

Sally Torrey moves to remove the ad for treasurer from the paper; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

The Candidates for Selectboard will be interviewed on November 26.

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

American Legion Post #14, Parcel ID#15/02/25, Route 7 Ferrisburgh
From 2013 Listed Value: \$51,100.00 to the Corrected Value: \$35,700.00

Long Point Corporation, Parcel ID# 04/01/10, 1394 Long Point Road Ferrisburgh
From 2013 Listed Value: \$999,200.00 to the Corrected Value: \$1,082,000.00

Craig Brown, Parcel ID #13/01/24.2, 1472 Basin Harbor Road Ferrisburgh
From 2013 Listed Value: \$219,400.00 to the Corrected Value: \$233,100.00

Jim Warden moves to approve the minutes of the November 5th meeting as written: second by Sally Torrey. So voted.

Sally Torrey moves to approve the warrant as presented with the AR Rathburn bill to be checked for correctness and to let Loretta Lawrence know; second by Jim Benoit. So voted.

Public Comment

Jim Benoit has asked Matt Leonard, State Forester, to check the trees in the park.

The Board accepts Deb Healey's resignation from the Ferrisburgh Conservation Commission and the Ferrisburgh Energy Committee and wishes her well in her future plans.

Carl Cole asks if there will be a new Union Meeting Hall questionnaire for Town Meeting and if the Board is going to get an estimate on the repairs to the steeple. Jim Warden will ask Bob Jenkins for help with the estimate. The Board will ask Rev. Paolantonio if his group is still interested in renting the Union Meeting Hall.

The Board asks the Clerk to call Breadloaf about the retaining wall.

Auditor Smith will be at the December 3rd meeting.

Jim Benoit moves to enter executive session to discuss the Union Meeting Hall land issued at 8:20pm; second by Jim Warden. So voted.

Jim Benoit made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:35 pm. Motion seconded by Jim Warden. So voted. Action taken: Union Meeting Hall boundary issue tabled until November 26, 2013
Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectively submitted,

Chet Hawkins Clerk