

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Selectboard Minutes / DRAFT
December 5, 2017**

Members present: Rick Ebel, Steve Gutowski, Loretta Lawrence, Michael “Red” Muir.
Absent: Jim Benoit

Town officials present: No town officials were present.

Visitors present: Carl Cole, Duncan Harris, Spike Loreman, Andrew Peterson, Bessie Sessions, Rod Viens.

1. 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting — call to order.

Loretta Lawrence, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approve minutes — November 21, 2017, special meeting; November 21, 2017, regular meeting; November 28, 2017, budget work session.

Steve Gutowski made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017, special meeting, as submitted. Rick Ebel seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Red Muir made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2017, regular meeting, as submitted. Rick Ebel seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Rick Ebel made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2017, budget work session, as submitted. Steve Gutowski seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

3. Selectboard new business

(a) Employee health insurance costs. After discussion, Red Muir made a motion to approve the Blue Rewards Gold CDHP & HRA insurance plan for town employees for 2018. Steve Gutoswki seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED. This is the same insurance plan approved for town employees last year.

(b) Solar array/groSolar — discussion of three possible locations. Rod Viens, executive vice president of groSloar, discussed with the board the pros and cons of installing a freestanding or roof-mounted 15kW solar array at each of three possible town sites: the garage, the fire department, or the historical society. The discussion concluded with the board asking Rod to contact John Bull, road foreman, and Bill Wager, chief of the fire department, to further discuss the potential for selecting either the town garage or the fire department.

(c) Spike Loreman, Canon Solutions America — copier upgrade proposal. Spike Loreman, sales consultant for Cannon Solutions America, described to the board the features of the Canon copier he proposed. He answered questions from the board regarding financing of the equipment, the term of the contract, as well as several other questions. After discussion, the board decided to table the decision until the regular December 19, 2017, board meeting. The board would like input from Town Clerk Gloria Warden, Assistant Town Clerk/Assistant Town Treasurer Pam Cousino, and Town Treasurer Deb Healey, before making a decision.

4. Selectboard old business

(a) Security camera system proposal — George's Locks & Security, LLC. After discussion, Steve Gutowski made a motion to accept George's Locks & Security, LLC's estimate for the proposed security camera system, not to exceed the estimate of \$3,594.00. Red Muir seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED. Loretta Lawrence will contact George Gardiner, owner of George's Locks & Security, LLC.

5. Selectboard general business

(a) Vermont Green Line (VGL) Committee update. Rick Ebel, a member of the VGL Committee, repeated information announced at the previous regular selectboard meeting, stating that Vermont Green Line, Devco, LLC has formally withdrawn its petition for a Certificate of Public Good at the Public Utilities Commission. He recommended that the committee remain standing to continue administrating the escrow account. This account, which funds continuing expenses such as legal bills, is fully funded by Vermont Green Line Devco, LLC, not by the town.

(b) Town of Ferrisburgh listers' corrections, 2017 Grand List. Discussion ensued regarding two properties, including information offered by Carl Cole, a town lister. After discussion, Rick Ebel made a motion to accept Justus DeVries' recommendation to correct the value of parcel ID #04/01/28, owned by Thomas Sheeran and Jeniah Johnson, from \$1,123,200.00 to \$1,009,100.00, a reduction of \$114,100. Red Muir seconded. Rick Ebel, Loretta Lawrence, and Red Muir voted in favor. Steve Gutowski voted against. MOTION PASSED.

After a second discussion, Rick Ebel made a motion to accept Justus DeVries' recommendation to correct the value of parcel ID #11/01/02.6, owned by Maren Vasatka and Rickey Clark, from \$297,800.00 to \$295,200.00, a reduction of \$2,600.00. Red Muir seconded. Rick Ebel, Loretta Lawrence, and Red Muir voted in favor. Steve Gutowski voted against. MOTION PASSED.

6. Public comment

There was no public comment.

7. Other business

Rick Ebel said that he and Red Muir came to the office to get a better understanding of the recording processes for not only property and real estate transactions but also recording for hunting licenses, dog licenses, etc. Rick stated that it helped him to understand and get a better snapshot of one part of the day at the town offices.

Steve Gutowski showed the board a cell phone photo he had taken of the intersection of Long Point Road, Stage Road, and Greenbush Road. It showed that the lilacs at the corner of the Degrees' property had been severely cut back and a sign was posted. There had been an issue previously brought to the board by the residents of the Long Point Association requesting that the lilacs be trimmed to increase visibility at the intersection. Steve Gutowski said that cars are stopping past the stop sign. He stressed that you can make the turn safely if you stop at the stop sign. Loretta Lawrence will contact Cliff Mix, tree warden, to review the location of the bush in regard to the town right-of-way and report back to the board at the regular December 19, 2017, board meeting.

Red Muir said he reviewed the speed limit test results for Plank Road. Vehicular speeds were mostly consistent with the 35 mph advisory limit. Discussion ensued. Loretta Lawrence remarked that Daniel Crossman, owner of the property at 2166 Plank Road, has requested to be part of future discussions

regarding this matter. This item will be added to the next regular selectboard meeting on December 19, 2017. Daniel will be invited to attend the regular December 19, 2017, board meeting.

Loretta Lawrence presented to the board a copy of the draft legislative bill for the Town Charter for review. Representatives Diane Lanpher and Warren Van Wyck will continue the process to move this bill through the Vermont legislature.

8. Correspondence

(a) Vermont Superior Court Notice of Hearing — JSCL, LLC CU permit. By letter, the town received a notice of hearing for a telephone conference on December 4, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. regarding Docket No. 127-10-17 Vtec.

(b) Ferrisburgh Zoning Board — Notice of Hearing — historic train depot. On December 6, 2017, at 7:05 p.m., at the town clerk's office, the Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing regarding application #17-133 (Vermont Agency of Transportation, Ferrisburgh Park & Ride lot) for interior renovations to the historic train depot, new passenger rail platform, and associated site work; property ID #15/01/22, conditional use permit.

(c) Age Well — thank you to the town for continued support. By letter, Sara C. Wool, director of development and communications, thanked the town for its continuing financial support of the agency's mission.

(d) Vermont Agency of Natural Resources — Notice of Permit Renewal for Otter Creek Brewing Company. The town received a letter from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources requesting that it post a public notice, until December 19, 2017, for a proposed draft indirect discharge permit (ID-9-0309). This would be a permit renewal for Otter Creek Brewing Company for the disposal of brewery wastewater to manure pits, including manure pits located on the Deer Valley and Danyow dairy farms in Ferrisburgh.

(e) Assistant Judges of Addison County — proposed budget meeting discussion on December 6, 2017. The town received a notice stating that the Assistant Judges of Addison County invite the public to a meeting to discuss the proposed county budget for July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019. The meeting will be held at the Judge Frank Mahady Courthouse at 5 Court Street in Middlebury, Vermont.

9. Selectboard to approve or sign

(a) Selectboard warrant. After review, Rick Ebel made a motion to approve the selectboard warrant, which details town expenditures, for a total of \$47,983.54. Red Muir seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(b) Andrew Peterson — Route 22A and US Route 7 parcel (probable executive session).

8:00 p.m. – Rick Ebel made a motion to go into executive session, stating that the selectboard finds that premature general public discussion regarding selectboard negotiations with Andrew Peterson about the property at the corner of US Route 7 and 22A would put the town at a substantial disadvantage. Red Muir seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

8:01 p.m. – Rick Ebel made a motion to go into executive session, inviting Andrew Peterson, Carl Cole, and Duncan Harris to join the selectboard in executive session. Steve Gutowski seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

— *End of minutes from open session* —

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Silveira

— *Minutes from executive session* —

Rick Ebel made the motion to come out of executive session at 8:45 pm. Motion seconded by Michael Muir. Motion passes 4 – 0.

Action Taken:

Rick Ebel made the motion to extend the Financing Contingency clause (# 6) from December 15, 2017, to February 28, 2018, and to extend Other Special Conditions clause (# 8) from January 15, 2017, to April 30, 2018, and to authorize Loretta Lawrence to sign off on the changes only after Duncan Harris has reviewed and approved the changes. Motion seconded by Steve Gutowski. Motion passes 4 – 0.

Michael Muir made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Motion seconded by Rick Ebel. Motion passes 4 -0.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Lawrence, Chair