

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Selectboard Minutes
March 1, 2016**

Members present: Jim Benoit, Steve Gutowski, Loretta Lawrence, Red Muir, Jim Warden.

Town officials present: Garrit Smits, town treasurer.

Visitors present: Jim Apgar; John Eisenhardt, Jr.; Judy Elson; Jaimeelyn Gaboriault; Deb Healy; Jeanne Kelly; Bob McNary; Robert Peisch; Bill Sullivan, Silas Towler; Monica Tupper; William Wilson.

1. 6:00 p.m. Regular meeting — call to order.

Steve Gutowski, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Loretta Lawrence made a motion to amend the agenda to add **7 (a) Vermont Department of Transportation (VTrans) railroad site visit** and **9 (d) Village Café liquor license renewal**, and to move **Selectboard warrant to 9 (e)**. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

2. Approve minutes — February 16, 2016; February 23, 2016, work session; February 23, 2016, emergency meeting, and February 23, 2016, Town Plan meeting.

Red Muir made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2016, as presented. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Jim Benoit made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016, work session, as presented. Jim Warden seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Steve Gutowski stated that the emergency meeting on February 23, 2016, was called because Ken Wheeling was in an accident and suffered a stroke. At the meeting, the board voted unanimously to hire Tom Mansfield as interim zoning administrator. Red Muir made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016, emergency meeting, as presented. Loretta Lawrence seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Jim Benoit made a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016, Town Plan meeting, as presented. Loretta Lawrence seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

3. Selectboard new business

(a) Jaimeelyn Gaboriault, Health Officer re: failed water violations. Jaimeelyn discussed the details of a follow-up water sample test of the well located at 6609 Route 7. Jaimeelyn will forward the Town Health Officer Complaint & Inspection Form and photographs of the well to the Vermont Department of Health for follow-up.

(b) Request to tap maple trees on the town green by Ferrisburgh Central School students. Judy Elson, Ferrisburgh Central School teacher, asked for permission to continue the annual tradition of tapping the trees on the town green. The request included a written report from Chris Olsen, Addison County forester, stating that except for one tree, which is struggling, the others are healthy. After discussion, Steve Gutowski stated that John Bull would provide mulch for beds for the newly planted trees, as recommended by Chris Olsen. Red Muir made a motion to allow the students of Ferrisburgh

Central School to tap the trees on the town green. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

4. Selectboard old business

(a) Report on Anbaric meeting with abutters held on February 25, 2016. Steve Gutowski discussed several points from the meeting; the most notable were Anbaric's willingness to pay for legal, technical, and engineering costs associated with the company's underground power line project and offer to not seek eminent domain.

(b) Garaventa Lift – maintenance agreement service on February 19, 2016. After inspection, Garaventa installed a new telephone and custom O-ring in the Grange elevator. Steve Gutowski will follow up with Garaventa to discuss a communication failure that occurred after the installation of the new telephone during an accidental call to 911.

5. Selectboard general business

None

6. Public comment

John Eisenhardt asked if there was some way the selectboard could express to the state his many concerns about raw sewage entering Lake Champlain. Discussion ensued including mention of Act 64, an act relating to clarifying the state revolving fund and water pollution control grant programs. Loretta Lawrence will research the legislative reports and draft a letter within the next week.

7. Other business

(a) Vermont Department of Transportation (VTrans) railroad site visit of three crossings. The site visit by VTrans to evaluate the proposed 59 mph speed limit will take place on March 14, 2016, at the following times and locations: 12:15 p.m. Plank Road, 1:15 p.m. Tupper's Crossing, and 2:15 p.m. Town Line Road. John Bull, road foreman, will be attending.

8. Correspondence

(a) Letter from legislature body of New Haven. In a letter addressed to the town (and several other parties), the New Haven selectboard voiced its opposition to the town of Vergennes' proposal that would reroute northbound truck traffic off Route 22A in Addison, on to Route 17 through New Haven and Waltham, and on to Route 7. The letter outlined a substantial list of the board's reasons for opposition, including safety, economic, and environmental reasons.

(b) Efficiency Vermont re: check for energy efficiency improvements. On February 19, 2016, the town received a rebate check of \$1,247.20 for insulating the basement and installing a vapor barrier at the Union Meeting Hall. Steve Gutowski thanked Bob McNary for all of his work on this project.

(c) Primmer re: DBE North Ferrisburgh Lazar Solar, LLC, (Pierce Lane). Pursuant to Public Service Board Rule 5.110(C), Joslyn Wilschek, attorney from the legal firm of Primmer, sent a letter notifying the selectboard that DBE North Ferrisburgh Lazar Solar, LLC, had filed an application for a Certificate of Public Good to construct and operate a 500 kW group net-metered ground mounted solar electric generation facility northwest of Pierce Lane.

(d) Vermont Department of Transportation (VTrans) re: no turn lane for town offices. Jonathan Harrington, project manager for the upcoming paving projects on Route 7 [NH SURF (55) Middlebury-Ferrisburgh], replied to Steve Gutowski's email requesting that VTrans reconsider providing a left turn lane on Route 7 from the south at the entrances to the town offices, Based on a traffic count conducted on January 13, 2014, and review of five-year crash data, the request was denied again. After the current traffic count is complete, Steve Gutowski will follow up again with VTrans.

(e) United Way annual report to donors. Thanks to donations from the town of Ferrisburgh, 594 books were mailed to preschool children in the town through Dolly Parton's Imaginary Library in 2015.

(f) Delinquent Tax Collectors workshop – April 6, 2016. The town received a notice that the Vermont League of Cities & Towns is holding a workshop for Delinquent Tax Collectors in Fairlee, Vermont, on April 6, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

9. Selectboard to approve or sign

(a) Service contract with Casella. Discussion ensued regarding the details of a proposed two-year service contract received from Casella, specifically the low level of estimated industry weight, change in services fees, and automatic renewal of the contract. Steve Gutowski tabled this agenda item until the next selectboard meeting on March 15, 2016.

(b) Send invoice re: Dollar General fire call. On January 27, 2016, the Vergennes Fire Department was called to Dollar General because a propane tank inside the store was leaking. After discussion, Jim Warden made a motion to bill Dollar General for \$96.00 to recover the cost of the fire call charged to the town. Red Muir seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(c) Liquor license renewals for Starry Night Café, Jiffy Mark, and Dakin Farm. After review, Jim Warden made a motion to renew the liquor license of Starry Night Café. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

After review, Jim Benoit made a motion to renew the liquor license of Jiffy Mart. Jim Warden seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

After review, Loretta Lawrence made a motion to renew the liquor license of Dakin Farm. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

d) Village Café liquor license renewal. Jim Benoit made a motion to renew the liquor license of Village Café. Jim Warden seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(e) Selectboard warrant. After review, Loretta Lawrence made a motion to approve the selectboard warrant, which details town expenditures, for a total of \$34,519.74. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

10. Adjourn

Loretta Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Red Muir seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Silveira