

**Town of Ferrisburgh
Selectboard Minutes
November 17, 2015**

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

Town officials present: Gloria Warden, town clerk.

Visitors present: Daniel Crossman, Mickey Davis, Norton Davis, Mel Hawley, Craig Heindel, Grace Kelley, Tom Kelly, Andy Kirkaldy, Norman Leboeuf, Bob McNary, George Merkel, Matt Neffinger, Robert Peisch, Jack Poirier II, Susan Schaefer, Bessie Sessions, Bill Sullivan, Monica Tupper, Tim Vincent, Nancy Weber-Curth.

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

Steve Gutowski, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Red Muir made a motion to amend the agenda to add **9 (c) Rental agreement for Ferrisburgh Energy Committee**. Loretta Lawrence seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

2. Approve minutes — November 3, 2015, and November 10, 2015.

Loretta Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2015, as submitted. Jim Warden seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

The budget meeting minutes of November 10, 2015, will be amended to reflect the vote regarding the Terry Oosterman planning issue: Steve Gutowski voted no; the remaining board members voted yes. MOTION PASSED. Red Muir made a motion to approve the budget meeting minutes of November 10, 2015, as amended. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

3. Selectboard new business

(a) Mel Hawley and Chief Merkel of Vergennes – discussion for police services. The city of Vergennes police department currently has the capacity to provide 5-10 hours per week of police services to the town at the hourly rate of \$48.10. This item will be added to the agenda for the budget meeting on November 24, 2015. [**Note:** This agenda item was discussed prior to **10. Adjournment.**]

(b) Jack Poirier – Vermont Area of Snow Travelers (VAST) – Shellhouse Mountain – Town Property. Jack Poirier asked for permission to allow VAST to use the property. To avoid damage in the wet area where erosion has occurred, the trail will be moved 10-30 feet to the east. Jim Warden made a motion to approve VAST's use of this town land with the stipulation. Steve Gutowski seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(c) Daniel Crossman – speed limit on Plank Road. Daniel Crossman addressed the board regarding excessive speeding by cars on Plank Road, specifically where he lives between the railroad crossing and Leduc Road. Loretta Lawrence will speak with John Bull when he returns on Thursday, November 19 about the validity of a past traffic study. She will also speak with John about road signage responsibilities since three towns (Ferrisburgh, New Haven, and Waltham) are involved in the posting of Plank Road.

(d) Mickey Davis – update on “The Ferrisburgh List” website. Mickey Davis, creator of the Ferrisburgh List website, discussed the value to the town and growth of this free website that lists Ferrisburgh artists and services providers.

(e) Norton Davis – language for proposed Town Plan. Norton Davis shared his concerns regarding the new draft for the town plan. The board thanked Norton for sharing his concerns and recommended that he go to the appropriate board, the Planning Commission.

4. Selectboard old business

(a) None

5. Selectboard general business

(a) Report on Anbaric Meeting. Joseph Rossignoli, director of the Anbaric Vermont Green Line Project subsidiary, detailed the “benefits package” being offered to the town: \$900,000 per year for the life of the project to the State of Vermont Education Fund, \$150,000 per year for 20 years in municipal taxes to the town of Ferrisburgh, and \$350,000 per year for 20 years to the town of Ferrisburgh to be appropriated at the town’s discretion.

Steve Gutowski discussed the creation of a committee of three people, including a Selectboard member, who would negotiate all pertinent aspects of the final agreement. Steve Gutowski recommended Craig Heindel. Loretta Lawrence recommended Steve Gutowski. If Point Bay Marina is hired as a staging site for the project and performs underwater work, Steve Gutowski would recuse himself. Before the final committee is determined, the selectboard is seeking recommendations from residents.

(b) Addison County Solid Waste Management District – proposed 2016 budget – public hearing November 19, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the regional planning offices. Steve Gutowski encouraged residents to attend as the town has a financial stake and would have some liability if the station closed. Robert Peisch, the town’s delegate to the Addison County Solid Waste Management District board, discussed details of the budget.

6. Public comment.

Bob McNary asked if the scheduled weatherization of the Union Meeting Hall has been completed; Steve Gutowski replied that SEC finished the work and he will contact the company about obtaining rebates.

Bob McNary asked if the town closed on the Clark Hinsdale property. Steve Gutowski replied that the closing took place as scheduled and the town now owns the land.

Bob McNary asked to clarify the minutes of the November 3, 2015, to reflect that the Transportation Advisory Committee has no responsibility with regard to containing a possible outbreak of bird flu. The Vermont Agency of Agriculture is the agency tasked with this. The minutes of November 3, 2015, will be amended.

7. Other business

(a) None

8. Correspondence

(a) Curth to Public Service Board, SunCommon proposal – 2538 Middlebrook Road. The board received documentation of Harry and Nancy Curth’s motion to intervene.

(b) Vermont Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Response Plan – draft. The board received an updated version of the draft by email from the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. The draft is available on the town's website.

(c) Invite by Asst. Judges of Addison County for proposed budget meeting December 9, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. The board received a notice to participate in a discussion about the proposed county budget for 2016-2017.

(d) Brickyard Solar, LLC; Sand Road – application to Public Service Board. The board received a copy of the application for a certificate of public good filed by Brickyard Solar.

(e) Vermont Division of Historic Preservation – Re: SunCommon proposal – 2538 Middlebrook Road. The board received a letter from the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation concluding that the proposed solar array will have an “Undue Adverse Effect” on the Weber-Curth residence.

(f) Green Lantern Group (GLG), Ferrisburgh GLC solar, LLC – solar array site at Button Bay & Basin Harbor Roads. In a letter, Sam Carlson of GLG notified the board that all utilities will be underground.

(g) Long Point Corporation to Selectboard – a note of thanks. The board received a letter from the Long Point Corporation thanking the town for the use of the Grange Hall for its annual meeting and for the addition of two 15 mph traffic signs installed on Bay Road.

9. Selectboard to approve or sign

(a) Appoint town representative for tax sales on December 9, 2015. Jim Benoit made a motion to appointment Loretta Lawrence to be the town representative. Jim Warden seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(b) American Red Cross – rental agreement for upstairs community hall for blood drive, January 22, 2016. Jim Warden made a motion to waive the rental fee. Red Muir seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(c) Ferrisburgh Energy Committee – rental agreement for downstairs community space for meeting about cold climate heat pumps, November 19, 2015. Steve Gutowski made a motion to waive the rental fee. Loretta Lawrence seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

(d) Selectboard warrant. Loretta Lawrence made a motion to approve the selectboard warrant, which details town expenditures, for a total of \$567,789.48. Jim Warden seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

10. Adjourn

Jim Warden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Loretta Lawrence seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Silveira