

**Town of Ferrisburgh**  
**Selectboard Minutes / DRAFT**  
November 3, 2015

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

**Town officials present:** Gloria Warden, town clerk; Ken Wheeling, Zoning Administrator.

**Visitors present:** Bob McNary, Robert Peisch, Mike Quinn, Bessie Sessions, Monica Tupper.

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

Steve Gutowski, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Approve minutes — October 20, 2015 and October 70, 2015.**

Loretta Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2015, as submitted. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Jim Benoit made a motion to approve the minutes of October 27, 2015, as submitted. Loretta Lawrence seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

**3. Selectboard new business**

**(a) Public Information Meeting for Residents on November 12 — Anbaric-Vermont Green Line advertisement discussion.** The town will run a small block advertisement in the legal column of the *Addison Independent* to inform residents about this upcoming meeting.

**(b) Mike Quinn – employee health insurance.** Mike Quinn, insurance agent from BlueCross BlueShield of Vermont, discussed two plan options for next year: 2016 Platinum Plan (current plan) and 2016 Blue Rewards Gold CDHP Plan. After discussion, Steve Gutowski tabled this item to the next budget meeting to be held on November 10, 2015.

**4. Selectboard old business**

**(a) Personnel Policy Review — continue review.** After discussion, Steve Gutowski tabled this agenda item. It will be discussed at the next regular meeting to be held on November 17, 2015.

**5. Selectboard general business**

**There was no Selectboard general business.**

**6. Public comment.**

Bob McNary asked whether or not the HAZMAT meeting will be held on November 10, 2015. The meeting is still scheduled for November 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Bob McNary reported details about how the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) would contain the possible outbreak of bird flu in the next six months. The plan will include using a six-mile radius quarantine that could possibly include road closures.

Bob McNary commented that the conference table is too long for the size of the meeting room as presently situated. He also stated that when the table is turned in the opposite direction, visitors cannot hear what is being said by the board members. Loretta Lawrence and Jim Warden will see if the table can be shortened or traded for a more appropriate size. Jim Warden will contact State Surplus.

## 7. Other business

Steve Gutowski met with Mel Hawley, Vergennes City Manager, and George Merkel, Chief of the Vergennes Police Department, to consider using officers from the department for law enforcement in Ferrisburgh on a per hour basis. Steve Gutowski invited both men to come to a meeting to discuss the potential of this arrangement with all of the board members. The last contract with the Addison County Sheriff's Office was signed in 2013.

Steve Gutowski reported an incident that occurred on October 30 at the Kreepy Karnival site. Eric Heustis flipped off a four-wheeler on Green Bush Road. Emergency responders transported him to the University of Vermont Medical Center. This occurred before the event was scheduled to open for that night.

Loretta Lawrence commented that the event is quite loud.

Gloria Warden reported that the Kreepy Karnival organizers submitted proof of insurance prior to the beginning of the event as requested by the Selectboard.

## 8. Correspondence

**(a) Ken Wheeling to Selectboard — Vorsteveld subdivision condition – all utilities must be underground.** Ken Wheeling reported that he responded by email to a request from Sam Carlson of Green Lantern Group (GLG) for further clarification of this subdivision condition as it affects GLG's proposed solar project at Button Bay and Basin Harbor Roads. Ken Wheeling invited Sam Carlson to come to the town offices to view the records.

**(b) Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) — Adam Lougee – solar siting language for municipal plan.** The ACRPC wrote to the board regarding revisions to the Commission's recommended solar siting language based on the passage of Act 56. The new solar language will be added to the town plan by either the Selectboard or the Planning Commission.

**(c) Wisnowski — 245 Mile Point Road – Shoreline Permit Application #223.** By email, the board received a copy of Thomas and Marcy Wisnowski's application to add an addition to an existing structure already located within the 100-foot mean water level.

**(d) Vermont Land Trust — acquisition of development rights for Husk Farm.** Pursuant to Title 10 V.S.A. Section 630(d), the board was notified by letter from the Vermont Land Trust of the approved purchase of development rights for the Husk Farm.

## 9. Selectboard to approve or sign

**(a) Vermont Environmental Court Notification — Oosterman appeal – inaction of Planning Commission.** After discussion, Steve Gutowski tabled this item to the next budget meeting to be held on November 10, 2015.

**(b) Selectboard warrant.** Loretta Lawrence made a motion to approve the selectboard warrant, which details town expenditures, for a total of \$28,069.87. Jim Benoit seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

## **12. Adjourn**

Red Muir made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Loretta Lawrence seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Silveira