



**Selectboard Meeting Minutes**  
**Final**  
**Town of Fairlee Town Hall**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Peter Berger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**PRESENT**

**Selectboard Members:** Peter Berger, Chair; Lance Mills, Vice Chair; Miranda Clemson  
A quorum was met.  
**Town Administrator:** Ryan Lockwood  
**Town Clerk:** Georgette Wolf-Ludwig  
**Minutes Taker:** Patty Tompkins, absent  
**Visitors in person:** Dan Ludwig, Richard Kenney  
**Visitors on ZOOM:** None

**AGENDA APPROVAL AND MODIFICATIONS**

*Add Private Drive, Name Request to New Business*

**MOTION:** Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS**

**Zoning Administrator's Report**

The Selectboard reviewed Brimmer's report.

**Town Administrator's Report**

Lockwood presented his report and gave updates on the following:

- Lockwood held interviews concerning the Lake Morey Skating Trail with the following organizations: The Journal Opinion, Daybreak, WCAX, NBC 5, Vermont Public Radio, the Valley News and the Boston Globe. Numerous calls and emails came in from tourists concerned about the change in management of the Ice Trail.  
Mark Avery agreed to become a member of the Recreation Council so that his maintenance work of the trail would be covered by the Town's insurance.
- The Municipal Planning Grant has been successfully amended so that \$20k of the grant can be used for architectural and engineering plans for the Town Admin building.  
The remainder of the costs for the plans will be covered by a MERP grant and funds from the capital reserve. Total costs for the plans will not exceed \$59k, with \$20k from

this MPG, \$4k from the MERP grant and the remainder (\$35k) from the capital budget, which currently has \$50k in it.

*The Selectboard granted Lockwood permission to move forward with Bill Nourse and Mudge-Greeley Architects to create architectural and engineering plans for the Town Admin building.*

- A request came in by Tuck Rock Dojo, from White River Junction, to put on a free kids' concert on Sunday 2/9.

*The Selectboard agreed to waive the rental fees since this is a non-profit that is not charging to attend.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Budget Committee Recommendations for 2025**

Dan Ludwig and Richard Kenney, Budget Committee, joined the Selectboard to review their recommended budget. They were pleased to see the increase drop to 9.63 percent from a high of 15 percent.

Berger spoke about grant applications, the State's 2 percent loan, and the sale of the existing police cruiser that will help bring costs down for two large expense items such as a new fire truck and police cruiser.

All agreed that the Town needs to improve capital reserve funds planning over the next ten year period.

Discussions between the Committee and the Selectboard touched upon every department.

### **Library Board of Trustees Chair Resignation**

Diane Church resigned in July 2024.

### **Library Board of Trustees Appointment**

**MOTION:** Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to appoint Richard Bibeau to the Library Trustee Board until the Town Meeting in March of 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Recreation Council Appointment**

**MOTION:** Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to appoint Mark Avery to the Recreation Council until the Town Meeting in March of 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Private Drive, Name Request**

Eric Tyler has a property that was the former Hollywood Motel. Since there will be three or more permanent structures on the property, 911 requires a road name. The first choice of a name for Tyler is Destiny Drive.

**MOTION:** Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to accept the private drive name, Destiny Drive, for Eric Tyler. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Transfer Station Layout Discussion**

Mills provided copies of a revised Transfer Station layout for review.

### **Village Wastewater Discussion**

No new updates at this time.

### **Emergency Vehicles Discussion**

The Fire Department has been looking into adequate radios for emergency vehicles and personnel. They also applied to the FCC for a channel for the Town.

### **Festival Ordinance Discussion and Approval**

**MOTION:** Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to adopt the Festival Ordinance for the Town of Fairlee. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ORDERS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Completed.

### **APPROVAL of January 13, 2025, Draft Minutes**

**MOTION:** Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes from 01-13-25 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ACTION ITEMS/ASSIGNMENTS/AGENDA**

None specified.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING: Monday, January 27, 2025.**

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Patty Tompkins, Minutes Taker