



Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Final
Town of Fairlee Town Hall
Monday, June 02, 2025

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

PRESENT

Selectboard Members: Peter Berger, Chair; Miranda Clemson, Vice Chair; Lance Mills
A quorum was met.
Town Administrator: Ryan Lockwood
Town Clerk: Georgette Wolf-Ludwig (via Zoom)
Finance Manager: Jess Chase (via Zoom)
Minutes Taker: Patty Tompkins (via Zoom)
Visitors in person: Lillian Gahagan
Visitors on ZOOM: None

AGENDA APPROVAL AND MODIFICATIONS

Table Dog Warrant under New Business

Table Highway Maintenance Contract under Old Business

Hold Executive Session for Contractual

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:

- Jon Gillespie was hired as a Transfer Station attendant. The Town is looking to fill a second position.
- Lake Morey will have a milfoil treatment on 6/17/25. Notices are being posted.
- Lockwood hopes to attend a meeting on 6/5/25 hosted by the Preservation Trust of Vermont. Topics will include village scale housing and infrastructure, economic development for rural communities, and rural revitalization ideas and efforts across the state.
- Three proposals were received for the Stormwater/Sidewalk project.

- Bill Minard would like to hold a Loons presentation in the auditorium on 7/10/25 at 7:00 pm.
- Andrea Day, engineer at Dufresne, requested a meeting with the Selectboard to discuss village wastewater treatment options on 6/6/25 at 10:00 am.
The Selectboard would like to invite the Fairlee Schoolboard to this meeting.

Lillian Gahagan, a reporter with Journal Opinion, requested more information on the wastewater treatment options. Over the past three years, the Town has had a forgivable-loan grant to study the feasibility of a low-pressure system in the village area, from Lake Morey Road to Bridge Street.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Hall Bingo Night Discussion

The Lion's Club asked if they could hold a bingo night at the Town Hall. More information is needed before scheduling can begin.

Work in the Right of Way Application (requires motion)

The Selectboard reviewed the application for an extensive rebuilding of a property on the west side of Lake Morey Road East.

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to approve the Work in the right of way application for Robin and Matt Leboeuf. The motion passed unanimously.

Dog Warrant (requires motion)

Tabled. All dogs are licensed as of this date.

Selectboard Position on Cell Tower Proposal (requires motion)

The Selectboard is not in favor of having the 140-foot tower built in Town of Fairlee for the following reasons:

- The Town has adequate cell service.
- Property values near the proposed site would decrease.
- Aesthetically it would be unpleasant.
- It does not benefit the residents of Fairlee, and it is not essential.
- The proposed lot could be developed into a residential neighborhood.

The consensus is that the Selectboard is not in favor of a cell tower in the village area.

No motion at this time.

Transfer Station and Pump House Land Expansion Discussion

Discussed.

Town Communications Discussion

The Selectboard discussed the pros and cons of using different forms of communication to get announcements and notices to the households of Fairlee.

They discussed using email, the Town website, Fairlee Focus, social media (Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok), and posting signs in the Post Office and Library.

Highway Maintenance Contract (requires motion)

Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

Transfer Station Layout Discussion

There was a brief discussion on how to better manage the recyclables.

Town Highway Discussion

Mike Wright gave his notice that he will not be renewing his contract with the Town. However, he will sign a three-month contract. He and the Selectboard will work on a list of items to be completed during those three months.

ORDERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Completed.

APPROVAL of May 19, 2025, Draft Minutes

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes from 05-19-25 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS/ASSIGNMENTS/AGENDA

None specified at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to open the Executive Session for contractual reasons. The motion passed unanimously.

Opened: 7:24 PM

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to come out of the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Came out: 7:46 PM

No action taken.

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING: Monday, June 9, 2025.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Patty Tompkins, Minutes Taker