



Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Final
Town of Fairlee Town Hall
Monday, July 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Peter Berger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

PRESENT

Selectboard Members: Peter Berger, Chair; Miranda Clemson, Vice Chair;
Lance Mills, absent
A quorum was met.

Town Administrator: Ryan Lockwood

Town Clerk: Georgette Wolf-Ludwig (via Zoom)

Town Treasurer: Jess Chase (via Zoom)

Minutes Taker: Patty Tompkins (via Zoom)

Visitors in person: None

Visitors on ZOOM: None

AGENDA APPROVAL AND MODIFICATIONS

Table Dump/Beach Pass 2026 Increase Discussion in New Business.

Table Work in the Right of Way Application Revision in Old Business.

MOTION: Miranda Clemson/Peter Berger 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 met with Randy Gawel, the new Superintendent of the Town's school district. They discussed using a portion of the Samuel Morey Elementary playing field to be a landing zone for the future low flow village wastewater system.
- Lockwood and Chase met with Village Ventures to set a firm timeline to administer the Dennison Project grant, which expires at the end of this year. They confirmed with Jenni Lavoie, Fairlee's State grant supervisor, that reimbursement from the State would be no more than two weeks depending on when the paperwork is submitted.
- M&K Divers gave an estimate of \$6300 to clean the reservoir tanks. The work may begin this week.

- Walker, Chase, and Lockwood are looking to upgrade the fire and elevator emergency lines from copper to cellular.

NEW BUSINESS

Tax Bill Mailer Discussion

The Selectboard would like to include a few announcements in the mailer. They include updates on the surface water and wastewater projects, a new Town firetruck, and a new Town police cruiser.

Dump/Beach Pass 2026 Increase Discussion (requires motion)

Tabled.

Town of Fairlee Park Ordinance Discussion

The Town of Fairlee Park Ordinance is being reviewed and will go through revisions in the coming weeks.

Highway Maintenance Contract Revision

The contract is undergoing revisions that will include improvements on project scheduling and reporting.

OLD BUSINESS

Lake Morey Wake Sports Discussion

There have been studies on wake boats and in particular, one in Idaho and one in Colorado. They show that wake boats can impact sediment movement in the 30-foot depth range.

The Selectboard is obtaining a depth chart of Lake Morey. The Town is particularly concerned with the amount of time and money spent on Alum Treatments to control cyanobacteria in the past two years, which could be disrupted with sediment movement. There is also a concern that the Town lacks a decontamination station for the boats.

Safety is the utmost priority for swimmers and non-wake boat users.

Submissions are due August 14th. A hearing is scheduled for August 31st.

Work in the Right of Way Application Revision (requires motion)

Tabled.

Selectboard Priorities Discussion

The staff have been contributing ideas to the project priority list as well.

Transfer Station Layout Discussion

The Board would like to put stakes in the ground to show approximate locations of bins and a compactor.

Wolf-Ludwig asked if the attendant would be asking to see people's passes. Lockwood would like to have one more attendant present before passes are checked. All agreed that passes should be checked at the entrance.

ORDERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Completed.

APPROVAL of July 14, 2025, Draft Minutes

MOTION: Miranda Clemson/Peter Berger moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes from 07-14-25 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS/ASSIGNMENTS/AGENDA

- Ask for a report from the Transfer Station attendant on how things are going.
- Get a map of the ash trees in the Town of Fairlee.
- There is a 3rd class liquor license for outdoor consumption renewal for Broken Heart Burgers. It will be ready next week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING: Monday, July 28, 2025.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Miranda Clemson/Peter Berger moved/seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Patty Tompkins, Minutes Taker