



**Selectboard Meeting Minutes**  
**Final**  
**Town of Fairlee Town Hall**  
**Monday, February 27, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Peter Berger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

**PRESENT**

**Selectboard Members:** Peter Berger, Chair; Lance Mills, Vice Chair; Cathy McGrath  
A quorum was met.

**Town Administrator:** Tad Nunez

**Zoning Administrator:** Chris Brimmer

**Town Clerk:** Georgette Wolf-Ludwig

**Minutes Taker:** Patty Tompkins

**Visitors in person:**

**Visitors on ZOOM:** Peter Guest, Bob Wertheimer, Miranda Clemson, Lynne Fitzhugh,  
Matt Mears

**AGENDA APPROVAL AND MODIFICATIONS**

**MOTION:** Lance Mills/Cathy McGrath moved/seconded the motion to approve the Agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS**

**Zoning Administrator's Report**

Brimmer reviewed his weekly report with the following highlights:

- The Village is a designated place per the 2020 census which makes it eligible for loan and grant programs and in particular, a wastewater program.
- Monitoring parking regulation legislation that limit spaces per unit.
- House Bill 263: proposes to give a \$500 tax credit for volunteer firefighters and money for training.
- House Bill 276 may create a statewide registry for rental properties.
- Australian ballot will be required for retail cannabis.
- Referenced Woodstock's web page that deals with short-term rentals, regulations and applications.
- The Tri-Town Housing Taskforce meeting is set for Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

## **Town Administrator's Report**

Nunez reviewed his weekly report with the following highlights:

- The Central VT Solid Waste Management District has hired a new Executive Director.
- Andrew Godfrey, Deputy Fire Chief agreed to compile the log sheets into the Enfirst program.
- Northstar Fireworks will hold July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Town until after Town Meeting.
- The Town Hall Rental policy does not address the issue of renters who wish to set-up a day early of their respective rental date.
- The annual Lions Club Ice Fishing Derby was cancelled due to un-safe ice conditions.
- The Town welcome signs (3 signs) were repaired. They are scheduled to be reinstalled in April.
- A lot of time was spent completing grants: the Aquatic Nuisance Control grant, the CWSRF, PC Grant, and the ARPA Grant Priority List Application.
- Met with VT State officials to discuss future projects that will complement the Alum project as well as potential funding through the WISPr, the Water Infrastructure Sponsorship Program.
- Received an inquiry from VLCT asking if the Town had a policing oversight/advisory board. The Town does not currently have such a board.
- All Town water customers are on the CodeRed roster. Noel Walker compiled this roster allowing the CodeRed administrator to easily create the CodeRed roster.
- Lisa Niccolai, of the White River Conservation District inquired about whether an area town would consider hosting a septic social on Lake Fairlee and Lake Morey.
- Participated in the second Aquatic Nuisance Control Rulemaking Focus group meeting.
- Participated in the Lake Fairlee Watershed Action Plan meeting.
- Completed the annual VT required Tier II chemical reporting and Highway/Bridge Weight Restrictions forms.
- There is temporary police dispatching from Vermont State Police.

## **Dedication of Town beach house**

Wolf-Ludwig proposed dedicating the beach house to Captain Lucas. A plaque design was presented to the Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Swearing in new police chief March 1 at 2PM**

Discussed ceremony that will take place.

### **Request for waiver of Town Hall rental fee (motion required)**

**MOTION:** Lance Mills/Cathy McGrath moved/seconded the motion to waiver the Town Hall rental fee for the Vermont Clerks and Treasurers Association on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Itinerant Vendors, Peddlers and Food Sales Ordinance (first read)**

The Board will review the ordinance for an update.

### **Lake Morey Health – Alum Treatment update**

Discussion ensued about funding and permits. Berger offered to create a flow chart.

There was a productive meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> between Oliver Pierson, Solitude, Lake Morey Commission, and Tom Moore (a funding source).

### **Fairlee ECFiber update**

The installations are moving along and work should be visible/felt this summer.

### **Commercial Cannabis update**

One issue is whether the Town will create a control board or go along with the state's control board. Another issue brought up is to not allow a dispensary to be within 500 feet of a school property line.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **RT5 Sidewalk / Crosswalk Design Development Plan – review**

Matt Mears presented the updated schematics based on feedback received.

The Board agreed to sign-off on the project.

Mears will submit the project to VTrans and have it out to bid in March.

### **Town Meeting Preparations**

Discussed creating a presentation, food and honoring volunteers for their years of service.

### **Town Administrator Search**

- Review of Town Administrator Job Description – Salary Schedule
- Town Administrator Job Posting

## **ORDERS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Completed.

## **APPROVAL of February 13, 2023, Draft Minutes**

**MOTION:** Lance Mills/Cathy McGrath moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes from 02-13-23 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ACTION ITEMS/ASSIGNMENTS**

None.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING: Monday, March 6, 2023 (Meeting was cancelled.)**

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Lance Mills/Cathy McGrath moved/seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Patty Tompkins, Minutes Taker