



Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Final
Town of Fairlee Town Hall
Monday, January 22, 2024

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

PRESENT

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

Town Administrator: Ryan Lockwood

Treasurer: Lisa Hinsley

Lister: Noël Walker

Minutes Taker: Patty Tompkins

Visitors in person: Johanna S., Miranda Clemson

Visitors on ZOOM: Lillian Gahagan, C. Bissell, S. Reed

AGENDA APPROVAL AND MODIFICATIONS

Add Executive Session after New Business

Add Budget Committee Discussion after Old Business

MOTION: Peter Berger/Lance Mills moved/seconded the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS

Johanna S. stated that she moved to Fairlee, VT last year and works in cybersecurity. She is concerned that her personal information is available on the Town website.

Hinsley mentioned that the personal information comes from the state, and it is not populated by the Town.

C. Bissell asked a few questions concerning the Alum treatment and the Solid Waste Disposal and Burn Ordinance.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Reviewed.

Town Administrator's Report

The Selectboard reviewed Lockwood's report. The following topics were discussed:

- The old security system in the Library
- The stove ventilator hood in the Town Hall kitchen is not working

NEW BUSINESS

Alum Treatment Meeting Update #2

Peter Berger reviewed the Alum treatment meeting that took place on 1/18/24 with members of DEC, SOLitude and the Town of Fairlee.

Holdup

SOLitude cannot give a final figure until Cleanwater tells them how much treatment is allowed in a defined space at one time. This will determine how many passes will be needed. The number of passes will increase the cost.

The intention is to have the treatment take place this spring.

Solid Waste Disposal and Burning Ordinance Discussion and Edits

The Selectboard reviewed the Ordinance and suggested making edits regarding the definitions of administrative and enforcement officers.

Special Town Meeting Warning

Lance Mills read the warning aloud.

WARNING

TOWN OF FAIRLEE

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

FEBRUARY 24TH, 2024

The legal voters of the Town of Fairlee are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Fairlee Town Hall in Fairlee, Vermont, on Saturday, February 24th, 2024, at 1:00 pm to transact the following business from the floor:

Article 1: Shall the voters of the Town of Fairlee disapprove of the Short Term Rental Ordinance as adopted by the Selectboard on November 6th, 2023?

Article 2: To transact any other business which may lawfully come before the meeting.

Dated this 22nd day of January, 2024

By the Selectboard Members of the Town of Fairlee:

MOTION: Peter Berger/Lance Mills moved/seconded the motion to approve the warning as read. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectboard Member Applicants

Applicants were discussed in an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Peter Berger/Lance Mills moved/seconded the motion to open the Executive Session for Selectboard member applicants. The motion passed unanimously.

Opened: 6:35 PM

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

Came out: 6:54 PM

No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Microsoft Teams Discussion

No update.

Financial Manager Position Updates

The board reviewed a financial manager applicant's resume.

Budget Committee Discussion

Hinsley reviewed the Capital Budget numbers. The budget will be finalized next week.

ORDERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Completed.

APPROVAL of 1/12/2024 and 1/16/2024, Draft Minutes

MOTION: Peter Berger/Lance Mills moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes from 01-12-24 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Peter Berger/Lance Mills moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes from 01-16-24 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS/ASSIGNMENTS/AGENDA

Berger/Lockwood: Follow-up with Cleanwater and Alum Treatment parties involved.
All: Energy Assessment in June
Contact Meghan Asbury at MTAP

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Peter Berger/Lance Mills moved/seconded the motion to open the Executive Session for legal. The motion passed unanimously.

Opened: 7:17 PM

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

Came out: 8:20 PM

No action taken.

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING: Monday, January 29, 2024.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Peter Berger/Lance Mills moved/seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Patty Tompkins, Minutes Taker