



Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Final
Town of Fairlee Town Hall
Monday, April 01, 2024

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

Lister: Noël Walker

Minutes Taker: Patty Tompkins

Visitors in person: Jessica Chase, Cathy McGrath, Dan Ludwig, Jason Knowles,
David Gagner, Clement Powers, Kathy Hooke

Visitors on ZOOM: Clint Bissell, Lynne Fitzhugh, Bob Wertheimer, Dashiell Rae,
Laura Tucker, Lorentz Hansen, Moriah Ludwig, Peter Guest,
Mr. Stevenson

AGENDA APPROVAL AND MODIFICATIONS

Table Police Report under Public and Staff Comments

Add Executive Session for Legal

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.

Treasurer's Office w/ Jess Chase, Finance Manager

Berger welcomed Jess Chase to the Schoolboard meeting. She reviewed some of the financial duties she is starting to work on in her new position.

Police Report

Tabled.

Town Administrator's Report

Lockwood reviewed his report. The following topics were discussed:

- An update on the I-91 ledge situation. The work will begin after 4/8/24 and it is expected to take 12-14 weeks. Chief Briggs and Lockwood are working with AOT concerning the traffic diverted through town during the construction.
- An update on the Rt 5 Stormwater project.
- The Aquatic Nuisance Grant award notice was received. This grant staffs the greeter and divers program.
- IT server update in the Town offices.
- The VTrans annual highway financial plan.
- An updated plan for the interior of the new vault.

NEW BUSINESS

Samuel Morey Elementary School Discussion W/ School Board Members

Jason Knowles, David Gagner, Clement Powers, and Kathy Hooke were present. They stated that the future use of the school is under consideration. They would like the community to be part of the planning process. They stated that the plan is to re-purpose the building - not put it up for sale.

Cathy McGrath suggested potential uses for the school such as a childcare or community center, or apartments. She would like to see the community have a voice in the decision.

The school board reiterated that they are working on a one year school budget, not a three year plan for the school. Kathy Hooke spoke of many moving parts that would need to be considered if the Samuel Morey Elementary school closed.

Communication issues were discussed at length and ways that it could be improved.

Waste Water Landing Site

No discussion.

April 8th Eclipse Discussion

Due to the Eclipse event, the Selectboard decided to close the Town Hall for the day and to hold the next Selectboard meeting on 4/9/24.

Childcare Discussion

There was a brief discussion on the lack of childcare availability in Fairlee.

Forest Board Discussion

The forest board is working on a new kiosk. The Selectboard asked the Forest board to finalize the draft trail map.

Newsletter Discussion

Miranda Clemson is working on a new schedule for the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Projects Strategic Planning

No discussion.

Lake Morey Alum Treatment Updates

Lockwood reported that SOLitude will provide the final cost within the week.

Mills questioned if the wake boats could be banned during and after the Alum treatment.

McGrath mentioned that the science is incomplete as to whether the Alum treatment would be adversely effected by boat activity.

Bob Wertheimer suggested that all boat owners are notified when and where the Alum treatments take place.

Lake Morey Traffic Measures

Bob Wertheimer asked if there was an update from Rita. Seto.

Lockwood will purchase pedestrian stencils and paint.

Microsoft Teams Updates

No discussion.

GoGov Updates

The Selectboard decided to sign a one year contract to use the GoGov application as a communications tool.

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to allocate \$3,600 from Special Projects Reserve Fund purchase the GoGov product. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Completed.

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to accept the Annual Financial Plan Highways (??). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of March 25, 2024, Draft Minutes

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes from 03-25-24 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS/ASSIGNMENTS/AGENDA

- Mills: Look at the Road and Bridge Policy.
- Berger: Follow up on final Alum treatment schedule.
Follow-up with the Fire Department on the truck requirements.
- Clemson:
- All: Workshop on 4/11/24 from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Opened: 7:52 PM

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

Came out: 8:27 PM

No action taken.

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING: Tuesday, April 09, 2024.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Patty Tompkins, Minutes Taker