



Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Final
Town of Fairlee Town Hall
Monday, May 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Peter Berger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

PRESENT

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

Town Administrator: Ryan Lockwood

Treasurer Assistant: Jennifer Garrow

Lister: Noël Walker

Minutes Taker: Patty Tompkins

Visitors in person: Donna Richardson, Carol Wertheimer, Laura Tucker,
Peggy Bissell, Clint Bissell, Lane Cobb, Denis Lambert,
Andrew Godfrey

Visitors on ZOOM: Ross Cannon

AGENDA APPROVAL AND MODIFICATIONS

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS

Peggy Bissell

Peggy reported that since the closing of I-91 South, the traffic on Lake Morey East has increased. She walks daily and has been treated rudely by impatient drivers.

Donna Richardson

Donna also noticed a significant increase in traffic on the East side. She is concerned that as the holiday weekend approaches, it will only get worse. She asked if temporary measures could be put into place, such as “Local traffic only” signs, a reduction in the speed limit, or speed bumps.

Denis Lambert

Denis asked about improving the visibility of the painted crosswalks.

Berger said that it is a state road and maintained by the state. If the Town were to improve visibility, then the cost would be out of the Town budget because the town would need to take over the road and assume all costs associated with maintenance and upkeep.

Lane Cobb

Lane lives at the south end of Town. He noticed an increase in noise pollution due to trucks using engine braking. He would like to see the usage of engine brakes outlawed and he would like to see signage in the Village area to dissuade truckers from using them.

Laura Tucker

Laura mentioned that speed bumps have been a topic to slow down traffic around Lake Morey even before the temporary closing of I-91 sections. She mentioned that it would be a good time to experiment and see what traffic calming techniques work.

Zoning Administrator's Report

The Selectboard reviewed Brimmer's report. No comments.

Town Administrator's Report

Lockwood presented his report and gave updates on the following:

- Repairs to the sprinkler system will take place on 5/24/24.
- A brief update on the I-91 ledge work project.
- Street sweepers asked if the Town wants their service now.
- Attended a Road Foreman's meeting last week at Hartford High School. There were presentations on electric tools and an overview on how to ask for FEMA for road repairs.
- The Stormwater project permit reapplication is moving forward.
- Contacted Jeremy Greeley concerning the next steps for the vault project.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Disconnect Notices w/ Treasurer's Office

Jenn Garrow prepared four (4) water disconnect notices to send to property owners who are delinquent in their quarterly water payments. The Selectboard agreed to have the notices sent.

Extension Letter for Lodging 2024 Grand List

Noel Walker explained the annual letter that must be signed and sent to the state.

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to approve and sign the Extension Letter for Lodging 2024 Grand List. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall Energy Audit

Lockwood reviewed the energy audit prepared by the Nova Group.

New Fire Truck Discussion

Fire Chief Godfrey was present for the discussion.

The current price for a new truck is good for another 30 days. After that, the price may increase by \$80K.

The Selectboard and Godfrey discussed safety issues with the 30-year-old truck and the need to move forward. Ross Cannon added that the townspeople could be involved in the payment plan decision.

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to have the Selectboard sign the lease agreement for a new fire truck. The motion passed unanimously.

Newsletter Draft Edits

The Selectboard reviewed the newsletter draft.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Projects Strategic Planning

Progress continues on the Microsoft Teams project outline.

Lake Morey Alum Treatment Updates

The board is working on funding the full cost of \$816,176. This will leave the Town of Fairlee owing \$0.

Peggy Bissell reported that the algae is not contained to just one section of the lake, it is everywhere on the lake.

Berger reiterated that the lake does not have to be closed during treatment.

4th of July Parade Updates

The parade committee decided not to have any activities this year.

Ordinance and Procedures Discussion

Mills selected the Street Name Ordinance as the next ordinance to update. He noted that there is no consistency on addresses for apartment units.

ORDERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Completed.

APPROVAL of May 13, 2024, Draft Minutes

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes from 05-13-24 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS/ASSIGNMENTS/AGENDA

Berger: Obtain a copy of the written plan from the Road Agent that details summer paving projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Opened: 7:45 PM

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

Came out: 8:02 PM

No action taken.

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING: Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Patty Tompkins, Minutes Taker