



Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Final
Town of Fairlee Town Hall
Monday, August 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Peter Berger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

PRESENT

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

Town Administrator: Ryan Lockwood

Minutes Taker: Patty Tompkins

Visitors in person: Dan Ludwig

Visitors on ZOOM: Bernice Mills, Deecie Denison, Joseph Donahue

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

Dan Ludwig

Ludwig came to speak about the ATV Ordinance under revision. He gave input from the Town Forest Board regarding the use of four wheeled vehicles.

Zoning Administrator's Report

No report at this time.

Town Administrator's Report

Lockwood presented his report and gave updates on the following:

- The mowing budget for the town properties is reaching its limit for the year.
- The sinkhole at the Library has been filled.
- The final speed humps delivery is expected soon.
- Lab tests from Lake Morey show near zero phosphorus levels.
- Engineers, Jeremy Greeley and Bill Nourse, were back to give input on the library and the old fire station structures.
- An end of season fireworks display at the Lake Morey Resort is scheduled for 9/1/24.

NEW BUSINESS

Tri Valley Transit Discussion w/ Mike Reiderer

Reiderer reviewed the transit routes between Fairlee, Bradford, and Woodsville going north. The program is successful in giving transportation to those in need.

Clemson gave feedback after trying the transit system. She felt that riders do not know how much time they have to shop once they are dropped off at a store. Also, there was a lack of covered depots to stand in while waiting for the bus.

Everyone contributed ideas to increase ridership by way of newsletters, the Fairlee Focus, and the list-serv.

Community Bank Authorized User Approval

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to remove Melissa Gahagan's name and add Jessica Chase's name as an authorized user to the Town of Fairlee's Community Bank checking account. The motion passed unanimously.

Vermont 250th Town Resolution

Governor Scott is organizing a statewide celebration of Vermont Towns. He is asking each town to sign a declaration pledging participation. If signed, each town is required to form a committee. The Selectboard would like to speak with the Historical Society and get their input.

Bandstand Lighting

Fairlee Council of the Arts (FCA) would like to put lighting in the bandstand. They have the funds to cover the cost. The Selectboard would like to receive approval from the Historical Society and the Town Clerk before proceeding.

Newsletter Discussion

Topics to include in the next newsletter:

- Library / old fire station study
- The Finance Manager - transition from an elected to a paid position
- Transit Bus Services and Schedule
- Alum Treatment success

OLD BUSINESS

Vault Engineering Discussion

A mechanical engineer visited the Town Hall and took measurements. Progress is being made.

Town Projects Strategic Planning

The Selectboard discussed adding completed project milestones to existing projects in the common project management area.

Ordinance and Procedures Discussion – Street Naming, ATV, Festival
Revisions are in progress for the three ordinances.

ORDERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Completed.

APPROVAL of August 12, 2024, Draft Minutes

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes from 08-12-24 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS/ASSIGNMENTS/AGENDA

Mills: Talk to VASA (Vermont ATV Sports Association).
Berger: Follow-up with Brimmer on the Neighbor Development Area.
All: Write newsletter articles.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Opened: 8:03 PM

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

Came out: 8:40 PM

No action taken.

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING: Monday, August 26, 2024.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Patty Tompkins, Minutes Taker