



Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Final
Town of Fairlee Town Hall
Monday, October 07, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Peter Berger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

PRESENT

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

Town Administrator: Ryan Lockwood

Finance Manager: Jess Chase

Minutes Taker: Patty Tompkins

Visitors in person: Wayne Briggs, Bebe Sargent

Visitors on ZOOM: None

AGENDA APPROVAL AND MODIFICATIONS

Add personnel to the Executive Session

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

PUBLIC AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS

Police Report

September 2024 Fairlee Law Enforcement Activity Report

The month of September Fairlee had a total of 58 calls broken down as follows:

Fairlee Police Department: 39 incidents consisting of:

- 15: Traffic stops.
- 7: Directed patrols.
- 5: Property watches.
- 2: Agency assistant.
- 2: Welfare checks.
- 2: Trespassing.
- 1 ea. Burglary, VIN check, Alarm, Fraud, Stalking, Traffic hazard.

Vermont State Police: 19 incidents consisting of:

- 5: Traffic stops (all on I-91).
- 4: Alarms.
- 2: Crashes (1 on I-91).
- 2: Motor vehicle complaints (Both on I-91).
- 1 ea. Noise disturbance, Traffic hazard, Agency Assistance, Citizen assist, Property watch, Stalking.

Following the report, Chief Briggs and the Selectboard discussed the following:

- A request to have a Lake Morey traffic study and if it would be worthwhile.
- Pedestrian safety on the roads around Lake Morey.
- VTrans: How to contact a project manager for the I-91 project.

Zoning Administrator's Report

The Selectboard reviewed Brimmer's report.

Town Administrator's Report

Lockwood presented his report and gave updates on the following:

- Attended the VLCT Town Fair which had workshops relating to municipal government. New connections were made with staff at VLCT and Two Rivers.
- Staff meetings are on track to occur weekly with an emphasis on the 2025 budget season. The next Selectboard meeting will be the initial roundtable with department heads.
- Two events took place at the Town Hall this week: a Giant Panda concert on Friday night and the VT North by Hand Art show on Saturday and Sunday.
- The Land and Water Conservation Fund has a grant opportunity opening on 10/21/24. This grant could potentially fund a milfoil treatment of Lake Morey in 2025.
- The Fairlee Focus continues to gain new users.

NEW BUSINESS

Dufresne Wastewater Report Updates

Dufresne presented a 110 page report which makes up 30% of the project so far. They would like to start on the second phase of the project soon.

However, some factors have changed, such as where the waste-water district would be.

A tentative meeting date is being scheduled.

I-91 Ledge Project Updates

As discussed earlier in this meeting with Chief Briggs, the Selectboard is seeking a reliable VTrans contact for information.

Access Permit Application

Bebe Sargent came to discuss the permit and inform the Selectboard that a person has been cutting down trees on her property to establish a right of way.

The Selectboard recommended Sargent to talk to Chief Briggs about the person trespassing.

The board stated that the property boundaries need to be professionally marked before they sign the application.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Vehicles Discussion

A brief discussion was held on accessing the online FEMA account.

Ordinance and Procedures Discussion – Festival

The Selectboard is reviewing emergency plans that should be included in the ordinance.

ORDERS & CORRESPONDENCE

Completed.

APPROVAL of September 30, 2024, Draft Minutes

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to approve the minutes from 9-30-24 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS/ASSIGNMENTS/AGENDA

None mentioned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Opened: 7:46 PM

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

Came out: 8:33 PM

No action taken.

NEXT SELECTBOARD MEETING: Tuesday, October 15, 2024

ADJOURN

MOTION: Lance Mills/Miranda Clemson moved/seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Patty Tompkins, Minutes Taker