Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting
Town of Fayston, Vermont
Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, 6:00 pm
At Robert Vasseur Town Hall

Attendees:

Select Board Members: Chuck Martel (Chuck), Michael Jordan (Mike), Ron Graves (Ron)
Town Clerk/Treasurer/Selectboard Assistant: Patti Lewis
Assistant Town Clerk(s): Madison Vasseur (Madi)
Minutes Taker: Eve Silverman (via Zoom)
Guests: Doug Goulette (via Zoom), Mark Giometti, Mad River Valley Television

Meeting called to order by Chuck at 6:00 pm

Approve Minutes of October 22nd Selectboard Meeting: *Mike moved to approve. Ron seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.*

Approve Budget Meeting Minutes of October 28th: *Mike moved to approve. Ron seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.*

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Chuck added an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters

Public Comments: None

North Fayston Road Speeding – Rick Scarzello

Patti: Rick is unable to join. He is concerned about speeding by his home, which is at the end of the pavement on North Fayston Road. Ron: There is speeding by my house as well. Mike: There have been complaints about speeding in several other areas around town. Chuck: After previously reviewing the problem of speeding, we concluded that there seems to be no solution to the problem that the Town can provide. Chuck wonders if Rick might have new suggestions. The Selectboard would be happy to listen.

MRVAS Update – Mark Giometti

Mark handed out a Memorandum of Understanding. He said that call volume is same as last year (492 calls vs 491 last year) and MRVAS was able to cover 95% of the calls. They are replacing the snowmobile which is no longer working and purchased a new radio repeater. This was incorporated into the budget that was presented to the Boards in June.

Chuck: Perhaps there would be a time to get all the Boards together to sign the Memorandum of Understanding? Mark: We wanted to give you a June update preview and then another look in January to incorporate any adjustments. Mike: Each board should go through the MOU and then after everyone's changes are discussed and incorporated, arrange for signatures.

Patti: Is there not going to be a tri town meeting this year? Chuck: No, it doesn't look like it.

Road Foreman Update

Stuart and Josh were not present for this meeting. Chuck talked to Josh earlier, who reported that the patch on German Flats Road is done and the patch on N. Fayston Road will be done by end of November. Otherwise, not a lot of updates. They are getting the trucks ready today. Ron: The roads are good; I wonder if there were any culverts that couldn't get changed. Mike: Next week, the Sugarbush mowers will be going up to Boyce Hill. In exchange, our Town mower will mow at Mt Ellen parking lot. Chuck: I think we should have the Boyce Hill committee here to codify what the Town and Sugarbush are doing as far as exchange of equipment and labor for mowing Boyce and Sugarbush parking lot.

December Selectboard Meeting Date Change

There is a meeting scheduled for 12/24. Ron: Perhaps we just skip the meeting rather than rescheduling? I'll be back in town on 12/27. Patti: Then there would be 5 weeks between meetings. This is a long time, especially since it's budgeting time. 12/30 was proposed as an alternative date, this was agreed by everyone.

Municipal Impact Survey – Joyce Property

Doug Goullette provided background: this is a 64-acre parcel, at a previous time owned by Middlebury College. In the area there are now several dozen homes ("Hiddenwood"). My client Christopher Joyce is looking into developing that parcel into a single-family home and later an ADU. There is a history of Act 250 which carried with the land. He will need to provide a report/questionnaire from the Selectboard that is required as part of the process. We would hope the Selectboard would go through and complete it, after which it will need to be signed by Chuck.

Mike: For fire and rescue, the departments in question would need to review the plans and go up to the site.

Doug: We are going to the DRB with this.

Madi/Patti: We will check off yes to Fire and reach out to Tripp to review further. Mike: We can check that we don't provide rescue. Patti: We will contact Tripp to review the fire access plan. Doug: There are not currently any improvements for fire access other than a walking path.

Chuck made a motion that the application be signed on the condition of Tripp's approval; Ron seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

NEMRC Re-Appraisal Contract

Chuck: We are ready to sign the contract with NEMRC, an appraiser, to meet State requirements for reappraisal of the Town, for the price of $138,600 (there is $203,000 in reserve for this purpose).

Ron moved that the Board sign the contract with NEMRC, Chuck seconded; all in favor. Motion carried.

The contract was signed by all members.

Appoint Interim Town Clerk

Chuck moved to appoint Madi Vasseur to replace Patti as Town Clerk on an interim basis starting 11/18/24 until the 2025 Town meeting. Mike seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Appoint Interim Treasurer

Chuck nominated Sarah Stavraky; Ron moved to appoint her as interim treasurer for the period starting 11/18/24 to the 2025 Town meeting, Mike seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Appoint Selectboard Assistant

Ron moved to appoint Madi Vasseur as Selectboard Assistant (term indefinite). Mike seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Ron: Are we looking for an Assistant Town Clerk. Patti: Madison will be looking into this.

Excess Weight Permits

Raymond LaPete, 187 Ward Road, Monroe NH, for wood (logging). There are some questions about the weight requested and max weights allowed. More information will be requested, and this will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Liquor License Renewal(s)

None

Other Business

Chuck, reminders: FEMA meeting 11/13/24 at 9am (Chuck, Patti, Stuart and Josh will be present); VLCT Board of Abatement training 11/13 in the afternoon via Zoom (Chuck will attend); Budget meeting 11/13 at 5:30 pm.

Mike: McCain will review the gravel pit site and determine what a survey will need to consist of.

Read Mail and Sign Warrant

Executive Session

At 6:53 pm, Ron moved to go into Executive Session, Mike seconded. All in favor, the Board moved into Executive Session.

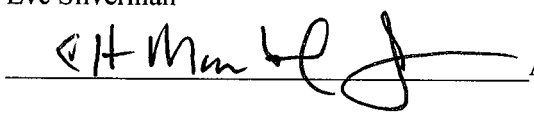
At 7:15pm, Ron made a motion to close Executive Session, Mike seconded, All in favor, Board moved out of Executive session.

No Action Was Taken

At 7:16, Chuck made a motion to adjourn, Ron Seconded. All in Favor, Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Silverman


Approved: Chuck Martel