Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting
Town of Fayston, Vermont
Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
At Robert Vasseur Town Hall

Attendees:
Select Board Members: Chuck Martel (Chuck), Ron Graves (Ron), Michael Jordan (Mike)
Town Clerk /Selectboard Assistant: Madi Vasseur
Minutes Taker: Eve Silverman
Guests: Josh Livingston, MRVTV (Mady)

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1, Approve Selectboard minutes – December 30th, 2024

Ron moved to approve. Chuck seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

2. Approve Budget meeting minutes – January 6th, 2025

Ron moved to approve. Chuck seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Add a few excess weight permits; Lisa Loomis reported a chart that she saw that suggested Fayston not getting a reduction in education taxes; deleting MRV Data report

4. Public Comments

None

5. 2024 MRV Annual Data Report from the Mad River Planning District

Deleted from agenda as Sam is ill

6. Road Foreman Update

Josh: We are chasing snow; we've been getting a little every day. Ron: We should ensure that we prioritize work needed to complete FEMA so that we can be paid as soon as possible. Ron: Should we prepare early to arrange to get gravel in/stockpile? Josh: That would be ideal; we also need to do ditch and culvert work for FEMA as well as some stabilizing. Adam is doing well in the job. Chuck: Stuart's last day is the 22nd. He has asked that there not be a formal send-off.

7. Private Road Naming – E911 Requirements

Jason Wilson had sent an email that there would be a new road name for a new private road off of German Flats. The property owners have suggested a list of possibilities. Of these, Jason recommended "Bear Hollow Road".

Chuck moved to accept Bear Hollow Road. Mike seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Road name "Bear Hollow Road" selected.

8. Town YouTube Channel for Meeting Recordings

Madi suggested creating a YouTube channel for saving Town meeting recordings. The recordings would be stored in the cloud. The Zoom recording meeting links will be uploaded after the meetings happen; otherwise, they would expire on Zoom and so would only be available for a limited time. The Harwood School Board uses this system. We already have a channel set up, but nothing is stored on it. There is no cost. Everything will also still be available on MRVTV. Chuck suggested that there be a policy requiring

that the other boards post their recording links. Madi will put together a policy statement that can be signed at the next meeting.

9. Discussion on Washington County Sheriff Department's request from the Warren SB
The Board received a request from the Town of Warren to see if we wanted to use some of the Sheriff's time so there would be some uniformity across the Valley towns, and for cost sharing.
Mike: We don't have a contract with the Sheriff, they shouldn't pull people over in Fayston. Ron: I think they are allowed to pull people over anywhere in the County. Mike: The Town voted (emphatically) not to have coverage. Ron: We don't have a village where there is an issue. Chuck: Speeding on Route 17 or German Flats is the only real area of concern.
Madi will email Warren to see if there are any ways to participate in a meeting to discuss options.

10. Sign Certificate of Highway Mileage
This is signed annually and certifies the number of miles of each type of road.
Class 1: 0
Class 2: 6.18
Class 3: 28.24
State Highway: 5.824
Total: 40.244
Class 4: 5.73 – Mileage for Class 4 is not included in the total.
The Board members signed the certification.

11. Approval of Catering/Liquor Licenses
Mad River Glen/Ski Vermont Tasting 2/14 between 11-2pm.
The Board gave Madi permission to sign this permit.
12. Other Business
Excess Weight Permits:
Hinesburg Sand and Gravel, Inc.
Spafford and Sons
Chuck signed both permits.

Lisa Loomis sent an email that when she attended the Harwood School Board meeting, she noticed on one of the charts that while other towns were looking at a decrease in school contribution, the Town of Fayston's contribution went up. Doug Mosle wasn't able to explain this. Ron: We need an explanation. Mike: The CLA they have (54%) seems too low, there must be an error. Chuck: Doug's letter seems to suggest that he thinks this may not be out of whack. The State report of CLA's seems to confirm this as well. Madi will contact the School Board to try to understand the formula they used to calculate the Town's contribution and will coordinate with Lisa who is also looking into this.

13. Read Mail and Sign Warrant
Ron moved to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Silverman

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Chuck Martel, Selectboard Chair