Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting
Town of Fayston, Vermont
Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 6:00 pm
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 (by Zoom)
Guests: MRVTV, Josh Livingston (Road Foreman), Todd Warnock, Sarah Stavraky

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

1. **Approve Selectboard Budget Meeting Minutes – January 27th, 2025**
   Mike moved to approve. Ron seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

2. **Approve Selectboard minutes – January 28th, 2025**
   Mike moved to approve. Ron seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.

3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda**
   None

4. **Public Comments**
   None

5. **Vermont Gran Fondo**

Todd Warnock provided an update of the event, which has been going for 11 years. The Vermont Gran Fondo is a recreational cycling event with between 300-500 participants. A newly added route covers 6 mountain gaps and 150 miles. The bikes start the route at 5 am by summitting the Appalachian Gap over Rte. 17, then turn up German Flats toward Warren. They come over the mountain at about 6 am. The next group comes over the mountain at about 8am and follows the same route through Fayston. There are 3-6 motorcycles that accompany the field. The riders will have thinned out by the top of the App Gap. Their first stop is at Paradise Provisions or Fayston Elementary School. There will be directional warning signs on the route for the drivers and riders to know what's coming. We design the courses with mostly right hand turns to limit the crossing of traffic.

Ron: Can we announce the race in advance, so folks know to expect bikers on the road? Todd: Last year, we asked the Town offices to post our press release on Front Porch Forum (the fee for us to put it out is about $6,000). Board: We'd be glad to do that and will post it on our Mail Chimp. Todd: We also post signs on the course starting the Sunday of the week prior.

Chuck: Will you send a copy of the certificate of insurance? Todd: Yes. Chuck: This is a well-run race; I don't anticipate any issues.

The Board agreed that Chuck should sign the consent forms.

6. **Road Foreman Update**

Josh reported that the road crew is keeping busy cleaning up snowbanks and intersections, moving snow, and putting down sand. Chuck: We are also trying to put together an RFP for Dunbar Hill. We have posted that we are looking for a fourth, part-time road crew member; this position is advertised as a seasonal crew member, but with the right candidate the town may consider making this position full-time.

7. FCC, Sign the Birdseye Forestry Contract for Chase Brook

Chuck: We have discussed this with the Fayston Conservation Commission. The amount is $2,225. There is the money set aside to do this. The Board agreed that Chuck should sign the authorization for Birdseye Foresty to begin developing the management plan for Chase Brook.

8. Certificate of Compliance and Town Officers Form – State of Vermont

The Board reviewed the forms, which state that the Town is spending at least the minimum amount it is expected to spend on roads.

9. Excess Weight Permits

Kingsbury Companies
Sunbelt Rentals
Swan Sitework
Rice Lumber Company

Chuck signed the permits.

9. Other Business

Lisa Estler, the Director of Finance and Operations for Harwood Unified Union School District will be invited to come to the next Selectboard meeting to help explain how/why Fayston's education tax rate is higher than the other towns', so that the Board can be prepared to discuss this at the Town Meeting if it should come up.

10. Read Mail and Sign Warrant

11. Executive Session – Legal Matter

Chuck moved to go into executive session, Mike seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Action Taken: The Selectboard gave the Fayston Delinquent Tax Collector permission to move forward with the process of Tax Sales.

12. Adjourn

Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Silverman

Approved: Chuck Martel