Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting
Town of Fayston, Vermont
Thursday, March 13, 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
Guests: Josh Livingston (Road Foreman)

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

1. Approve Selectboard Meeting Minutes – February 25th, 2025

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

2. Approve Town Meeting Minutes – March 4th, 2025

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

3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda -- None

4. Public Comments -- None

5. Road Foreman Update

Josh: I've been keeping an eye on the ruts; we have a new york rake which will help with the mud too. We are doing spring cleaning, organizing, putting things away, and taking the wing off the grader. We are filling in some potholes. All culverts are open, I doubt we'll have a frozen culvert at this point. There was a lot of overtime at the time of the Vice President's visit and material was brought in at the request of the Secret Service and the Vermont State Police; the total was a $3101.98 expense to the Town for which we have requested reimbursement. Cold patching on German Flats Road will start tomorrow and continue into next week. The Town will put out for paving quotes for the section between the school around the corner and up Mt Ellen Road to the Town Line, just past Barton Road. Ron: Are we working on a list of summer projects? We should know what those projects are. Josh: We got a grant for stone lining which needs to be done before September 1st. This is a state mandate. Mike: Is there a way to repurpose the stone? Josh: It is difficult to do that. Unfortunately, after it is dug out, we dump it and replace it with new material which we haul in from Barre. Ron: How often do we do that? Josh: about every 6 years. Possibly it could be crushed into a plant mix or staymat. You'd have to screen it to separate the stone from other material.

6. Appoint Town Officials

The Board voted on the following returning appointments:

Road Foreman: Josh Livingston
Selectboard Assistant: Madison Vasseur
Zoning Administrator: Jason Wilson
First Constable: Kevin Vanschaick
Animal Control Officer: Jeremiah Rutledge
Tree Warden: Martha Veselka
Health Officer: Jason Wilson
Emergency Management: Kirsten Andreae
Legal Consultant: Lindsay Browning
Fire Warden: Dan Beede

Chuck moved to nominate the above appointments. Mike seconded. All in favor, motion was passed.

Chuck: Brad Cook is interested in energy coordinator, currently an open position. We will ask him to come in and speak to the Board, then we can decide if this is a good fit.

For the Planning Commission:

Mike moved to nominate Michael Duell for the Planning Commission; Ron seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

For the Development Review Board:

Chuck nominated Mike Quenneville and Ky Koitzsch to the Development Review Board, Ron seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

For the Fayston Conservation Commission:

Chuck nominated Woody Dugan and Pete Colgan to the FCC, Ron seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Planning District:

Chuck nominated himself as primary and Mike as alternate to the MRV Planning District, Ron seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Green Up Day Coordinator:

Chuck nominated Patty Pasley; Mike seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Central VT Regional Planning Commission:

Chuck nominated Andrew McNealus; Ron seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Camel's Hump State Forest

Chuck nominated Doug Wilson; Mike seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

MRV Resource Management Alliance:

Mike and Ron agreed to swap positions (Ron will be the representative, Mike will be the alternate).

Ron moved; Mike seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

7. Selectboard Organization

Ron moved that Chuck be the Chair of the Board, Mike seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Ron moved that Mike be the Vice Chair of the Board, Chuck seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

8. VT 250th Anniversary Resolution

The resolution says that the Town of Fayston supports the State's plans for celebrations of Vermont's 250th anniversary. The Board discussed eliminating the line on the resolution that says that the Town may (optionally) provide financial support. The line will be crossed out

Chuck moved that the Town sign the resolution; Ron seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

9. MOU for Mad River Valley Ambulance

Chuck: Warren and Waitsfield have signed this document. Ron: To make it binding, both Fayston and Moretown would also have to sign? I think we are obligating ourselves to something that may be too open ended. Mike: All the other MOUs we have are much more detailed than this. Chuck: Perhaps we should have a lawyer take a look at this before we sign. The Board agreed that this should be the appropriate next step.

10. Sign YouTube Policy

Chuck read the policy, which states that all public meetings would be recorded and posted to YouTube. Madi: All of the meetings, including Board of Abatement, are currently recorded by the MRV TV and posted on their website. Executive sessions and deliberations are not recorded.

Chuck moved that the Board accept the policy; Mike seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

11. Approval of Excess Weight Permits

CP Site Construction
HB Logging/HB Trucking LLC
John G French & Sons Trucking Inc.
K Bellavance Landworks & Hauling
Livingston Farm Landscape Products LLC
Mountains Edge Excavation
MA Manosh Inc.
Pike Industries Inc.
RK Miles Inc.
Richmond Home Supply
Savatree/Vermont Arborists
SD Ireland
Structural Wood Corp.
Wind River Environmental

12. Other Business:

Ron: I got an email from the new Fire Chief to introduce himself. They are looking at buying a new fire engine. I'll forward the email to Mike, Chuck, and Madi.

13. Read Mail and Sign Warrant

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

11. Executive Session
Chuck moved to end executive session; Mike seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
No Action was taken
12. Adjourn

Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting, Mike seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Silverman

Approved: Chuck Martel