Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting
Town of Fayston, Vermont
Tuesday, May 27th, 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 recording)
Guests: Evan Hallstrom (by Zoom), Josh Livingston (Road Foreman)

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

1. Approve Selectboard Meeting Minutes – May 13th, 2025

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

2. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Discussion about stream debris.
Schedule Dale King site visit

3. Public Comments: None

4. Road Foreman Update

Josh: My primary focus has been on Tucker Hill, including ordering many new culverts (14 for Tucker Hill alone). Some of these are upsized from what was previously there. This work is not related to problems during mud season – to handle that properly would require digging up the road, which is not in the current plan. However, we are doing some drainage work right now that will hopefully help during mud season. The culvert budget has already been spent out for the year.

We just moved the machine to Mt Ellen Road; we have cut the blacktop there and are changing the culvert and doing some trenching there. Pike will be coming probably at the end of June (to begin paving). We have also been putting down the ¾" granite gravel on North Fayston Road. After we're done on Mt. Ellen, we'll go back to Tucker Hill Road.

Ron: have we considered crack filling? We might be able to get an additional 2-3 years out of the road if we do that. Mike: It's possible, but in some cases, filling cracks might make the problem worse.

Chuck: How much time was spent working on Waitsfield and Warren after the most recent flooding? Josh: Adam and I did help Waitsfield out, as there was a lot of damage especially on Rolston and Butternut Roads.

Chuck: Can we talk about the cemetery road? Madi: Jeff and Jason Vasseur said there are a lot of

trees in the ditch line, so there might be roots, or a spring in the field that is causing water to go into the cemetery field. Chuck: It is probably the town's responsibility. Can we make it passable in two weeks for the scheduled service? Josh: If we start at the root of the problem, it's the ditch. Chuck: Could you start with tailings as a temporary fix until we can get back to address the problem properly? Madi: We need to research whose ditch it is. Josh: I'm sure no one will have a problem if we work on it. Chuck: We should inform them as a courtesy. Madi: I'll ask Candace to find out the date of the service for the temporary fix. Chuck to Josh: We appreciate how much time you're all putting in on all the Fayston projects.

5. Town Garage Update

Ron had Limoge come to quote a door, and they also looked at the damaged door and they will fix it. The quote came in at $6,670.

Ron made a motion to approve the quote from Limoge and Sons of $6,670 to replace the garage door, upgrade the cycle springs and a full commercial draw bar opener with safety eyes, wall control, built-in receiver and 2 remotes. Mike seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

6. **Discuss Emergency Culvert Policy**

Chuck: We weren't eligible for reimbursement from FEMA for the private driveway culverts that we decided to replace after the storm. We wanted to do them because we needed to get them done before we could rebuild the road. FEMA has informed us that if it's stated somewhere in our policy that we could replace them and pay for them ourselves, they would have reimbursed us. So, this is an attempt to get that kind of wording into our culvert replacement policy so that in the future if it comes up again, we will get reimbursed.

Chuck: The current wording is "repair and/or replacement of existing driveway culverts or private road culverts in the town right of way are the financial responsibility of the property owner. Selectpersons will determine if the town or developers will bear the cost for replacing or upgrading culverts due to development upstream or due to road improvements." Madi: It just needs to be clear and formally approved by the Board. Ron: It should be clear that the Town could opt to replace and are not obligated to. Josh: Yes, we should add that it's at our discretion. Chuck: We could vote on it, then run it by FEMA and if necessary, we could tweak the wording. Ron: Let's wait to see what they have to say first before voting on it. Madi: And then we can look at the entire policy and make any other changes as well.

7. **Bids for Dunbar Hill**

The Board reviewed bids from Kingsbury, Hallstrom Excavating, and Chris Griffin.

Hallstrom Excavating: Ditch. Stabilization ditch stone lining bid $93,333; project time length is two and one-half weeks, availability to start is June 9th

Kingsbury: their bid is $106,000 and their start time is June 2025 (no specific date provided)

Chris Griffin: Scope of work includes ditching install stone and ditch and washouts. Mobilization charge and then rest of the charges for equipment, excavator, labor, truck, dump, truck. Anything outside the scope of work will be extra time and material. Any unforeseen obstructions or material ledge removal will cost extra time and material. Any underground tank or hazardous material cleanup will be extra time and materials. Owners are responsible for obtaining State and Federal permits. No start date indicated. Bottomline bid is a $158,048.

Evan Hallstrom and the Board discussed the scope of work.

Ron: Since all the bids are apples to apples, we should go with the lowest bid. Chuck: I agree, we are tasked with choosing the lowest qualified bidder.

Chuck moved that the Board select the bid submitted by Hallstrom excavating for the Dunbar Hill project. Mike Seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

8. Liquor License and Catering Permits

a. Ratify Hyde Away's Catering Permit – Event at GMVS 5-24-25 & 6/6/25

*Chuck moved to give Madison authorization to sign the permits. Ron seconded. All in favor, motion passed***.**

b. Mad River Glen liquor license (annual and additional consumption permits)

c. Sugarbush catering permits (Nay 31st, June 10th, June 17th)

Chuck moved to give Madison authorization to sign the permits for Mad River Glen and Sugarbush. Mike seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

9. Approval of Excess Weight Permits

Tom Lincoln (logging on Dunbar Hill)

10. Other Business

Stream Debris: Madi will make phone calls to ANR and VTrans to see what can be done about the debris in the stream. Josh: If we were to do it ourselves, I would recommend renting a larger machine to do it, as the work would be very hard on our machines.

Dale King: Madi said Dale hasn't heard back from the DRB. Ron: Jason said that if the road was moved 6' as he said, it wouldn't meet the setback. Chuck: Do you want to go independently to look at the site? Others: Yes.

11. Read Mail and Sign Warrant

At 7:09pm, Mike made the motion to go into Executive Session, Ron seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

12. Executive Session – Employee Handbook

Action taken: Vacation Policy in Employee Handbook was updated.

At 7:22pm, Chuck made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Ron Seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

13. Adjourn

At 7:23- Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ron Seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

Eve Silverman

Approved: Chuck Martel Date: