Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting
Town of Fayston, Vermont
Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025, 6:00 pm
At Robert Vasseur Town Hall

Attendees:
Select Board Members: Chuck Martel (Chuck), Ron Graves (Ron), Michael Jordan (Mike) (by Zoom)
Town Clerk /Selectboard Assistant: Madi Vasseur
Minutes Taker: Eve Silverman
Guests: MRVTV, Jim Barlow (Town Attorney)

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

1. **Approve Selectboard Meeting Minutes – July 8th, 2025**

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

2. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** Planning Commission/LUR changes process, Chuck's schedule. Move executive session to the beginning of the meeting

   Chuck moved to make the executive session to the third item on the agenda, Ron seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

   Chuck moved to find that premature general public knowledge of a discussion that is otherwise protected by attorney/client privilege would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage; Ron seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

   At 6:04pm Chuck moved to go into executive session, Ron seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

3. **Executive Session – Legal Matter**

   At 6:25pm, Chuck moved to exit executive session, Ron Seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

   No Action Taken.

4. **Public Comments**: None

5. **Dale King – request to move the road/follow up**

   All members have had a chance to view the proposed area. They agreed that moving the road would be a prohibitively large task. Josh Livingston told Chuck that he also agreed. Ron thought Dale might have an avenue to move forward with his project through the DRB.

   Ron moved that the Town should not move the road. Mike seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

6. **Sign Updated Fayston Culvert Policy**

   The Town's culvert policy has been updated with the following language added to page 4: "In the event of an emergency, the Town of Fayston may replace one or more driveway culverts as necessary to expedite the reopening or reconstruction of Town roads. This action may be taken at the Town's

discretion, to ensure public safety and restore road access. The Town may pass some or all of these expenses on to the property owner." This change was prompted recently as in order for replacement of culverts to be covered by FEMA, the Town must have a policy with such language in place.

Chuck moved to accept the new wording as stated above, Mike seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Chuck and Ron signed the policy; Mike will sign it when he is present next in the office.

7. Waste Management and Prevention Division

Ron stated that the Town (along with others in the Mad River Valley Resource Management Alliance) has received notice by certified letter that it is delinquent in submitting the "Solid Waste Implementation Policy" (SWIP), which was due July 1st. John Malter, who was responsible for submitting this report, stated he had problems with the website, and it was filed late, on July 11th. The alliance (Waterbury, Fayston, Waitsfield, Moretown, Warren) met to discuss this and asked John to respond with a letter; it is unclear if this has been done. It is unknown if there are fines for filing the report late; it is also unclear whether the actual filing preceded the late notices. Ron will update the Selectboard as more is learned.

8. FEMA Update

Chuck read an email from Sarah Stavraky updating the status of payments following a meeting she had with FEMA earlier on 7/22. It was the advice of our FEMA representative not to break projects up into smaller projects despite that the Homeland Secretary needs to sign off on every project over $100,000.

The FEMA representative stated that it is unknown how long it will take to receive funds for projects that are completed. Madi said that in the past it has taken about four weeks to receive funds after they have been signed off. To date, the Town has received $455,816.43 total reimbursement out of a total submitted of about $1.6 million (not including the new bridges).

The Town's current FEMA rep will be in her position until September (after which positions will be regionalized and Towns will not have the same individual attention), so the Town will try to do whatever is possible (such as site visits) while she remains in her current position.

9. Schedule Interviews – Road Crew Position Opening

The Board has received two applications for the opening on the Road Crew. The Board discussed potential times for scheduling interviews with them.

10. Liquor License and Catering Permits

Sugarbush 8/2, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19

Chuck moved to give Madi permission to sign the permits, Ron seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

11. Approval of Excess Weight Permits

Vermont Greenwood Resources LLC

The permit was signed.

12. Other Business

Chuck's Schedule

Chuck will be out of town for the 8/26 Selectboard meeting; as Ron and Mike, be able to be present, the meeting date will stand.

Planning Commission process to approve the Land Use Regulations

State Regulations state that the PC needs to have one or more public hearings about any proposed changes to the LURs. They can take or reject public recommendations, then they finalize the document and send it to the Selectboard. The Selectboard then must have a public meeting (or more if preferred) and can accept or reject any public recommendations. It then will discuss changes with the PC and incorporate any changes into what will become a final document.

The Planning Commission would like to send the document to the Selectboard for early review so that any early directional comments can be captured. Mike suggested that it makes most sense to just follow the regular process. Ron and Chuck agreed. The Selectboard will recommend to the PC that they send the document when it is ready, not earlier.

13. Read Mail and Sign Warrant (no mail)

14. Adjourn

At 6:57pm, Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chuck seconded, all in favor, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

Eve Silverman

Approved: Chuck Martel 8/12/2025 Date: