Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting
Town of Fayston, Vermont
Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 6:00 pm
At Robert Vasseur Town Hall

Attendees:
Select Board Members: Chuck Martel (Chuck), Michael Jordan (Mike), Ron Graves (Ron)
Town Clerk, Selectboard Assistant: Madison Vasseur
Minutes Taker: Eve Silverman
Guests: Michael Miller (Zoom), Candice White, Sparky Potter, Andrea Henderson (Zoom), Sarah Stavraky (Treasurer)

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

1. **Approve Selectboard Meeting Minutes – August 25th, 2026**

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

2. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** No Liquor or Catering Permits

3. **Public Comments:** None

4. **Candice White**

   Candice White is one of our representatives to the State House and is running for re-election. She spoke about education funding reform; with a declining student enrollment and buildings that are in disrepair, along with high healthcare costs, there has been an identified need for change. While school mergers will not be mandated, the entire state must explore and discuss mergers and potential funding efficiencies. In 2030, the way that the State funds education will change; it is expected that this will result in approximately $15,000 per student (before weighting to reflect special needs, etc.).

   Ron asked what Candice thought about repealing Act 181. She responded that in certain areas, Act 181 has helped to spur housing development. Ron had concerns about why it is necessary to conserve additional land when about 81% of Vermont land is in conservation (when counting state and federally owned land, in addition to that in current use); Ron stated that the current system seems to work. Candice stated that she is more open to hearing thoughts about Act 181.

   Chuck stated that he doesn't think Act 181 will encourage housing in areas like ours, especially when additional housing is necessary to support Sugarbush and Valley businesses. Candice acknowledged that some of Waitsfield, particularly in areas served by a new wastewater system, is Tier 1A/1B, which will allow development without going through Act 250.

   Chuck expressed concern about how difficult it is to find people to work in local businesses. Housing costs are certainly a major factor. Candice stated that she and Dara Torre would like to have a Valley wide conversation about housing and explore different opportunities or approaches.

   Candice talked about healthcare; reference-based pricing will be enacted next year.

5. **Review Audit Reports**

The auditors provided a list of policies that they feel that each Town should have. Most of these policies are already in force. Sarah reviewed the policies that are still recommended.

6. **Budget Meeting Discussion**

The Board had previously discussed starting the process earlier than in previous years; last year the discussions started in the end of October and there were (7) meetings in total. Some of the process will begin earlier, but meetings will start at the end of October.

7. **Appoint Sparky Potter to Fayston Conservation Commission**

The Fayston Conservation Commission has unanimously voted to recommend Sparky to the Commission.

Chuck moved to appoint Sparky to the Fayston Conservation Commission, Mike seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

8. **Excess Weight Permits**

Chuck signed the following permit(s):

Griffin and Sons

9. **Liquor/Catering Permits:** None

10. **Other Business:**

11. **Read Mail**

12. **Sign Warrant**

13. **Adjourn**

At 7:07 pm, Chuck moved to adjourn the meeting; Ron seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,
Eve Silverman

C A Martel

Approved: Chuck Martel

9/22/26

Date