

Selectboard members: Jay Barrett, Tim Cramer (Chair), Ken Gulick  
Administrative Assistant: Ann Fenton

Guests: David Fracht (8:15-9:00), Melissa Gahagan (7:00-7:50), Ruth Hook (7:30-8:10), Stephen Hook (7:30-8:10), David Matthews (7:00-7:40), Sandra Smith-Ordway (7:25-7:50), Noel Walker (7:15-9:00)

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Tim Cramer called the meeting to order.

7:01: Review of Minutes: Jay Barrett moved to accept the minutes of February 8, 2010. Tim Cramer seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

7:02: ORDERS SIGNED AND CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWED:

1. REQUEST TO USE TOWN HALL: Motion by Jay Barrett to approve the request from Kathy Gale, for the Scottish Dancers to use Town Hall April 17<sup>th</sup> for a special dance class. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
2. VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS:
  - Brochure titled, "Municipal Policy Priorities 2010".
  - PACIF Insurance Detail Loss Report: Reviewed
  - Workshop announcements. Motion by Jay Barrett to cover expenses incurred by the Administrative Assistant attending the Selectboard Institute. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
3. VERMONT LOCAL ROADS WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENTS: Motion by Jay Barrett to make the opportunity of attending the workshops available to Road Contractor Mike Wright, particularly the workshop on Road Drainage. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
4. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS
5. AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES PROJECT REVIEW SHEET: Re: R. George and Hazel Pratt: No action needed.
6. TWO RIVERS OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES: Fairlee Representative John Larrabee attended.
7. LIQUOR LICENSES: Jay Barrett moved that the Selectboard approve the submitted liquor licenses. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
8. ACCESS PERMIT, WILLIAM AND LINDA DUNNACK: Jay Barrett moved that the Selectboard approve the Access Permit Application. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously. The AA will send a letter with a copy of the Ordinance.
9. OVERWEIGHT PERMIT: Jay Barrett moved that the Selectboard approve the submitted overweight permit. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

7:15: PUBLIC COMMENT:

- NOEL WALKER, RE: OVERWEIGHT TRUCK LEGISLATION: Noel Walker noted that another issue for the Legislation to consider should be limiting the use of jake brakes in the section of highway through Fairlee, in which the sound echoes across the mountains, into the village and lake.

- DAVID MATTHEWS, RE:
  1. APPOINTMENT AS THE FAIRLEE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAKE FAIRLEE ASSOCIATION: David Matthews agreed to serve as representative. Jay Barrett moved that the Selectboard appoint David Matthews as the Fairlee Representative to the Lake Fairlee Association, for matters pertaining to the Town of Fairlee. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously. The AA will notify the LFA Chair, and request that all communications, including meeting schedules and agendas, be sent to the AA office as well as to David Matthews.
  2. BUILDING COMMITTEE: David Matthews asked the status of the proposed formation of a building committee. Jay Barrett explained that he suggested to the interested parties to come up with a proposal and notify the Selectboard of their interest to be on the agenda. The AA will schedule the meeting for a Selectboard meeting in the near future.
  3. TOWN FOREST: David Matthews requested use of the Grange Room for a meeting of landowners and sports people to start a coop to improve wildlife habitat, and he requested that the Town consider raising the minimum standards set by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in an effort to improve the wildlife habitat in the town forest. Jay Barrett moved to forward the question to VLCT Attorney Garrett Baxter for his legal opinion. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously.
- SANDRA SMITH-ORDWAY, SCHOOL BOARD, RE: ACT 144: Reported that regarding the impact of Act 144 as it relates to the Town, the Selectboard may want to meet with the School Board. The Selectboard will put the item on the agenda of their meeting of March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. for the School Board to provide the Selectboard with information, and to consider the scheduling of a public hearing.

7:40: NEW BUSINESS:

- SET WATER RATES: Town Treasurer Melissa Gahagan requested Selectboard approval of the draft Fairlee Water Department Rates and Categories for 2010, reflecting the 5% rate increase previously approved by the Selectboard in the budget hearings. Jay Barrett moved to adopt the revised Fairlee Water Department Rates and Categories for 2010, with the amendment to change the prepay discount percentage from 4% to 5%. Ken Gulick seconded. The vote passed unanimously. The Treasurer will print the amended rate sheet.

7:50: OLD BUSINESS:

- RAILROAD STATION SHOP RENTAL DRAFT LEASE: The Selectboard reviewed the draft lease, and proposed amendments. Jay Barrett moved to approve the most recent version of the draft lease, with additions and amendments as discussed at this meeting. Tim Cramer seconded. The vote passed unanimously. As next steps, the AA will revise the lease as amended, submit to parties for signatures, and request security deposit from renters.
- HIGHWAY WINTER ROADS BUDGET: The Selectboard reviewed comparative analysis prepared by the Administrative Assistant, and noted that the average cost per snowstorm has decreased from last year; though it was also acknowledged that it is difficult to compare snowstorm data.
- QUINIBECK ROAD STUDY, BY WILLIS CONSULTING ENGINEERS: Jay Barrett noted that the Engineers did good work and the study is just what the Selectboard was looking for. The Selectboard noted that in April they will review the work to be done with the Road Contractor.

At 8:25, Jay Barrett moved to enter executive session regarding personnel. Tim Cramer seconded. The vote passed unanimously. At 9:35, Tim Cramer moved to come out of executive session. Jay Barrett seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Jay Barrett moved that the Selectboard give Zoning Administrator George Smith a favorable review and write up notes accordingly. Tim Cramer seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

Jay Barrett moved that the Selectboard give Administrative Assistant Ann Fenton a favorable review and write up notes accordingly. Tim Cramer seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

**REVIEW/SCHEDULE OF FUTURE SELECTBOARD MEETINGS AND AGENDAS:**

Next meeting: March 8th: Annual Organizational Meeting, continued lease review; March 15<sup>th</sup>: No Selectboard Meeting; March 22: 7:30 p.m.: Informational Meeting with School Board, re: Act 144.

At 9:38, Jay Barrett made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ken Gulick, the vote passed unanimously.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Ann Fenton, Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard

Date approved: March 8, 2010