

## **Minutes for Special Selectboard Meeting Held on Monday, April 10th, 2023**

Present: Sharon Harkay (Chair), David Goodrich (Vice Chair), Li Shen, Steve Tofel, and guest speaker Chris Brimmer in person; Mary Bryant (via Zoom).

### Call to Order

Sharon called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and introduced Chris Brimmer who is Fairlee's Zoning, Planning, and Economic Development Administrator.

1. Chris presented his talk which he entitled "Fairlee—Decades in the Making". Chris discussed what started Fairlee on the road to conducting multiple studies that were funded by grants and how these studies helped them create a Town Plan, zoning regulations, and a development plan. He also gave information about actions he would recommend that Thetford consider. These included creating a Unified Development Bylaw, a source protection regulation for water sources, and a capital budget program. He also explained why he felt that Thetford should consider having a capacity study done as well as enlisting the expertise of Better Connections. Much more was discussed. Thetford now has access to his slide deck and a copy of Fairlee's Source Protection Areas Regulations for future reference.

2. After Chris left, the Selectboard discussed whether or not to give the go ahead to the Joint Energy Committee to apply for a Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) mini-grant. This could be used for a specific project or to help fund Thetford's share of the Intermunicipal Regional Energy Consultant (IREC) position.

Motion by Steve Tofel that the Thetford Selectboard approve the request by the Joint Energy Committee to submit an application for a MERP mini-grant.

Vote—All in favor. Motion passed.

3. There were no requests to be reappointed to a position on a committee or commission to act on during this meeting.

### Adjournment

Motion by Steve Tofel to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Vote—Roll call vote. Sharon, David, Steve, and Li in favor. Mary had left the meeting just before the vote. Motion carried 4-0-0.