



Village Steering Committee

Town Of Hinesburg

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Meeting Minutes February 13, 2012

VSC Members Present: George Dameron, Catherine Goldsmith, Rolf Kielman, Aaron Kimball, Jane Starkweather, Dona Walker

VSC Members Absent: Michael Buscher

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m., Hinesburg Town Hall

1. Meeting Minutes: The January 16, 2012 VSC meeting minutes were approved.

2. Bench Sketches: Rolf shared some preliminary sketches drawings of his bench designs. The drawings show a concrete and wood design. The design shows a backside to the bench. Discussion involved whether there needs to be a back or not. Cost is certainly a factor. The benches could to be placed throughout the village, over a period of time (as can be afforded), and as they are custom built. There will be more discussion on this topic to come in the future.

3. Route 116 West Side Sidewalk From Charlotte Road To Hinesburg Community School Update: George spoke to Rocky about the status of this project. Rocky said that there are currently conversations actively going on right now to obtain right-of-ways permissions with property owners along Route 116. He asked that the committee let the process move forward on it's own for the time being. We will check back in with Rocky in time for our April meeting.

4. Village Open Spaces and Sidewalks Map: Rolf has created a map that shows Village public spaces and sidewalks. The map shows both present and future spaces and sidewalks. This map can be used as an inventory to move forward with a presentation to the Select Board to advocate for best use of what we have and how to best use what is available. Perhaps a more detailed study and comprehensive plan be created and presented to the Select Board. Rolf and Mike to look at the possibilities of doing this.

5. Memorial Park: The VSC would like to enhance this space and create a better sense of enclosure for the park. We are looking to enhance the sense of purpose the space represents. Ongoing discussions tonight have included talking about ways to landscape and fundraise to get this project going.

6. Canal Cleanup Along Recreation Path On Mechanicsville Road: The committee reviewed the Select

Board meeting minutes from December 19, 2011. This was the meeting that the VSC appeared before the Select Board for our annual scheduled conversation with the board. Dona spoke of a denied request for money to be budgeted to better maintain the canal area. She has requested that money be allocated in the 2012-2013 Town budget for the purpose of better maintaining the canal area along Lot 15 at Commerce Park.

7. 'Hinesburg Village' Signs: The two 'Hinesburg Village' signs are here in Hinesburg and are ready to be installed. Rolf will check in with Rocky about setting a time to get this done. The hope is to have them installed as soon as the weather permits.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Aaron Kimball
Recording Secretary