



## Village Steering Committee

Town Of Hinesburg

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### Meeting Minutes July 9, 2012

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

**Members Absent:** Michael Buscher

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m., Hinesburg Town Hall

**1. Minutes:** Approved minutes of May 14, 2012 and June 18, 2012 VSC meetings.

**2. Public Benches:** The VSC has been given three wooden park benches. The benches are in good condition, but will require a bit of TLC to clean them up and refinish the mounting brackets they set on. The VSC would like to place these three benches at three worthy locations in the Village. One spot under consideration is along the sidewalk on Route 116 near the new restaurant at the former Saputo site. Rolf spoke with the owner of the property. He says that they are agreeable to the idea. A second place that the VSC is considering is the new bus stop in the back parking lot of the Town Hall. A third spot would be near the Recreation Path at Commerce Street. Construction is currently underway at this spot. Installation at this location may have to wait until work is completed.

**3. Annual Village Walking Tour:** On June 25th four members of the VSC took a walking tour of the Village. The committee is concerned that there are several empty and neglected buildings within the Village area. The committee feels that prolonged inattention by building owners to the upkeep and general appearance of their properties impacts the Village as a whole. Dona contacted Town Administrator Joe Colangelo to inquire if there is a town ordinance that addresses this issue. She was advised that there is not. Joe will look for examples of model regulations from other towns that the VSC could review. The committee may consider proposing such ordinances for the village area. In the meantime the VSC will write a letter to the Select Board outlining our concerns about this issue. On another topic, there are chronic drainage issues along Charlotte Road that need to be addresses right away. VSC members have brought these issues to town officials on several occasions in the past. More work is required to permanently fix the issues. Follow-up still needs to happen.

**4. Memorial Park Discussion:** Rolf shared several rough sketch re-design ideas with the group for the

park. This has been identified as a priority project for the committee and we would like to see a thoughtful and tasteful re-design improvement to the space. We will reach out to other interested groups and individuals in town. Additional steps will be to start to put some numbers together with the ideas from our drawings to see what the project might cost to re-develop the area.

**5. New 'Hinesburg Village' Signs:** The committee has schedule a half-day work session in August to apply a coat of wax on the new Hinesburg Village signs and to fill in the hole at the Memorial Park / Good Times Cafe driveway. Sunday August 12th has been set as the date.

**6. Complete Streets:** The VTrans repaving schedule has Route 116 through the village scheduled for repaving next year. Preliminary site work and planning for this project by VTrans is taking place now. Complete Streets legislation may come into play with this repaving project. This is an item for further discussion by the committee.

Next Meeting: August 13, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aaron Kimball  
Recording Secretary