

**TOWN OF HINESBURG
SELECT BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2014
- DRAFT -**

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Attending the meeting; Jon Trefry, Phil Pouech, Mike Bissonette, Tom Ayer, Andrea Morgante, Trevor Lashua and attached list.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jon called for public comments. Karl Novak addressed the Board stating he is still waiting for response from the Selectboard regarding the information he gave the Board on fluoridation in October. He gave the Board some letters noting his concerns. (copies attached)

There were no changes to be made to the posted agenda.

Interview for the Town Forest Committee – Kevin Hans and Julie Gruenholz

Kevin Hans met with the Board to express his interest in serving on the Town Forest Committee.

Kevin has educational background in recreation resource management. His interest is in the balance needed for all people to enjoy use of the forest. He can work one on one as well as with large groups.

Julie Gruenholz is also interested in a position on the Town Forest Committee. She also noted the need to balance preservation and recreation. She has experience as a project manager as well as working one on one.

Phil moved the Board vote to appoint Kevin Hans and Julie Gruenholz for terms of three years each, beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring on January 1, 2018. Second by Tom. The Board discussed making the appointments effective now so they can be a voting member of the committee at the December meeting. Since these are open positions not replacing someone in a current position it was agreed it could be done. Phil amended his motion to make the terms effective December 1, 2014 and expiring January 1, 2018, amendment accepted by Tom. Amended motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

Conservation Commission – Annual Visit

Bill Marks and Alison Lesure were present for the Conservation Commission.

Alison said they are still working on the Green Space Plan and hope to have it completed soon. The Commission also continues to work with Mark LeBar on birding at the Gepraggs park.

They will be seeking level funding for their budget this year including the \$5,000 for LIA.

Bill noted concerns of protecting the trail by the VT Gas line – he feels there will be significant impact at the present location of the right-of-way.

Lake Iroquois Association – Annual Visit

Pat Souzzi, president of the LIA met with the Board to review the work they have done over the past year and what is planned.

Pat said this past summer was the worst in regards to the milfoil problem but they continue to work on ways to remove this. They have contracted with Northeast Aquatic Research to perform a survey of the lake in which they will evaluate the potential effectiveness of different control methods. There is also ongoing work to address run off into the lake.

Pat also spoke about the greeter program they have implemented and the success of that project.

LIA and the Town have worked collaboratively on cleaning key culverts this fall as well.

FY16 Budget Presentation – Highway Department

Mike A reviewed the proposed highway budget for FY 16 with the Board.

Discussed was a request for a hot box in the capital budget. Mike said this will keep the patching mix warm so it is usable and will also allow him to fill holes with hot mix and not just cold mix.

Also discussed was the sand pit – what is the life expectancy of the pit – what is the cost of a machine for the Town to make sand and not contract for the job. Trevor will check with some towns that have screens.

Mike was able to give the Board figures on miles travelled last winter for clearing the roads, thanks to the new equipment on the trucks, and the Board was surprised at how high the number was.

Consecutive Water Systems Agreement – Triple L Mobile Home Park

Triple L Mobile Home Park is seeking an exemption from the State’s sampling and reporting requirements on the premise that the Town (as the water supplier) would assume those duties and responsibilities. The Town has previously assumed the sampling and reporting duties on behalf of Mountain View and Sunset Lake Villa (also considered consecutive water systems). The Board reviewed the proposed agreement with Rocky.

Mike B moved the Board vote to approve the agreement as proposed (or with any alterations) by and between the Town of Hinesburg and Shipsevin LLC, the owners of Triple L Mobile Home Park. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Discuss proposed water use ordinance changes

Rocky and Eric Bailey reviewed the proposed ordinance with the Board.

Jon said he would like to see the reserve capacity be higher than the noted 3.5 % .

Also the Board would like in the allocation reserve to include the numbers that go with each allocation category.

Jon noted if the goal of the Town is to connect Lyman Meadows to the Town system that would take most of the available allocation.

Will check the mandatory connection language with the Town Agent.

Andrea asked if the document should include information about treatment – perhaps in the mission statement. The ordinance adoption and amendment process envisions a drafting and review period, prior to formal adoption at a regularly warned meeting. The date of formal adoption is used to calculate the effective date of the ordinance (60 days from the date of formal adoption – for example, adoption on 12/15/14 carries an effective date of 2/15/15). Within 14 days of formal adoption the Town must publish a summary of the changes and where to find additional information in a newspaper of general circulation, along with posting the summary in five “conspicuous” places around Hinesburg.

Town Administrator's Report

- a. **Thistle Hill streets** – Mike Weisel and Mike Anthony were both in the Administrator's office on 11/25, and agreed that the retaining wall/slope is working as expected and that no issues can be seen with the pavement. Mike Weisel inspected the area prior to arriving at Town Hall. No other issues have been identified. The potential Town acceptance of Thistle Hill, Mulberry and Thorn Bush is slated for the 12/15 meeting agenda.
- b. **Town Hall Rental Policy and Rental Moratorium** – See the attached email from Recreation Director Jen McCuin. Increasingly the rentals have created work for staff on the back end, requiring everyone to mop floors, scrub tables, and generally put rooms back together – sometimes on weekends in between events. Staff has discussed whether or not a moratorium on new rentals should be instituted until the policy can be amended to better address these recurring issues. A deposit will likely be among the recommended changes; forfeited in the event the building is not left in the condition expected and specified. The rental moratorium would not include any rentals approved prior to the effective date, and would only be in effect until the policy can be reviewed and amended (February, potentially). The ultimate goal is keeping the building open and available for Hinesburg residents, while ensuring that those renting the facility meet their obligations (and that the building is utilized responsibly). Is the Board comfortable with the Administrator's office placing a moratorium on new rentals until the policy can be revised, or would it like to discuss the matter at an upcoming meeting?
- c. **County Pre-Budget Meeting** – The county pre-budget meeting is slated for December 10th, at noon at the Chittenden County Courthouse. The assistant, or "side," judges are wholly responsible for determining the budget (there is no voter approval, other than the election of the judges).
- d. **Stormwater Regulation revisions and timing** – The Planning Commission has forwarded a set of proposed revisions to the stormwater regulations. Materials relative to the revisions are included in the Dropbox folder.
- e. **Conflict of Interest policy** – The Dropbox folder includes a model conflict of interest policy created by VLCT. February may be a good time to revive the conversation, with an eye towards adoption.

Selectboard items

Tom talked about the concert on Jan 9 that will be a fund raiser for the Bissonette Field.

Warrants

Jon moved the Board vote to approve the warrants as submitted, including payroll, by the Town Treasurer. Second by Mike B and approved with 5 yes votes.

Minutes

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 9/29 as submitted, second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 11/17 as amended. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

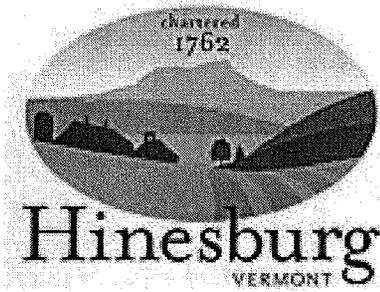
Executive Session

The executive session is necessary to discuss negotiating strategy with regards to the possible connection of four residents west of the new wells to Town water and sewer.

Andrea moved to find that the premature general public disclosure of the proposed terms of connection to water and wastewater for the owners of the four residences along Shelburne Falls Road west of the site of the new wells would place the municipality at a substantial disadvantage in negotiating those agreements. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Andrea moved to enter executive session, to include the Town Administrator and the Director of Buildings and Facilities, under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (1) (A). and to include the Town Water and wastewater supervisor and Rocky Martin. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary



Selectboard Meeting Sign-in Sheet December 1, 2014

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2. Nike Johnson

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3. Pat Suozz

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4. Alison Lesure

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5. Bill Marks

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To: Hinesburg Selectboard
Subject: Hinesburg Water Hardness Treatment System Survey

During the November 17, 2014 Selectboard meeting, a town water hardness treatment system survey was suggested by one of the Selectboard members. If this survey is pursued, I strongly recommend that every effort be made to stay away from technical jargon in order to give the reader a clear and full understanding of what is being proposed. The following important information should be included:

1. Citizens are not interested in financing developers' water connection costs. The water connection charge should be communicated to the town and is more likely to be acceptable when it has a price that significantly reduces the water bond debt.
2. Provide a thorough expense plan (short term and long term) for each proposed system.
3. List all chemicals required to treat the water and explain how they are going to be kept out of our environment.
4. Some systems require significant quantities of water. This water volume should be included in the information document.


Karl J. Novak
December 1, 2014

To: Hinesburg Selectboard
Subject: Fluoride Village Survey

A review of the November 17, 2014 Selectboard meeting disclosed that it was suggested that adding fluoride to the Hinesburg water be included in the village survey regarding the choices for the town's water hardness treatment system.

If such a survey is conducted, I strongly recommend that all the parents of children attending the Hinesburg Community School and the owners of all businesses in our town be included along with Hinesburg residents. It is imperative that all interested parties be informed in the survey of the following facts:

1. Fluoridation of the town's drinking water is a very bad medical practice, as there is no control over the DOSE people receive or who receives it.
2. Fluoridation defies medical ethics, as it prescribes medication without the informed consent of the individual.
3. The U.S. Food and Drug Agency has never approved fluoride for ingestion.
4. Drinking fluoridated water has never been subjected to rigorous randomized clinical trials.
5. There is no margin of safety from these harmful effects: damage to the teeth, bone, brain and endocrine system.
6. Fluoridation is experimentation on humans without their consent.


Karl J. Novak
December 1, 2014

To: Hinesburg Selectboard
Subject: Development Impact Fees

In the allocation of expenses for development, fairness to the present town property owners should be a primary objective. Town development presently envisioned has the realistic potential to significantly impact our town's wells, sewers and water treatment systems. Additionally, the school system, the roads and other infrastructure will also be impacted, especially in consideration of the substantial size of the town expansion currently projected.

The institution of an additional impact fee or fees to reflect all the foregoing substantial impacts to our town should be a high priority decision by the Hinesburg Selectboard.



Karl J. Novak
1 December 2014