

**TOWN OF HINESBURG VT  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
December 15, 2014**

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5 Attending the meeting: Jon Trefry; Phil Pouech; Tom Ayer; Andrea Morgante; Trevor Lashua;  
6 Rocky Martin; Joe Duncan; Alex Weinhalen; Melissa Ross; Marie Gardner; John Lyman; Joe  
7 Iadanza; and Maggie Gordon.

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9 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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11 There were no public comments.

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13 There were no additions, deletions, or changes to the posted agenda.

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15 **Discussion on Preferred Water Treatment Alternative**

16 Joe Duncan of Aldrich and Elliott presented the preferred water treatment alternative. The  
17 recommendation is for nanofiltration, which uses specially designed membranes to treat water as  
18 opposed to salt or other chemicals. The discussion will continue, and a public meeting  
19 specifically to discuss treatment scheduled in February.

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21 **FY16 Budget Presentation – Clerk/Treasurer; Assessor; Planning and Zoning;  
22 Technology; and Administrator**

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24 Melissa Ross presented the Clerk/Treasurer and associated budgets.

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26 Marie Gardner presented the proposed Assessor’s department budget. She also talked briefly  
27 about the local farm stabilization contracts.

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29 Alex Weinhalen presented the proposed Planning and Zoning and Technology budgets. There  
30 was a discussion about overall current and future staffing needs as part of this discussion.

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32 Trevor Lashua presented the Administrator’s proposed budget.

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34 **Bissonette Family Fields – Acceptance of Irrevocable Offer and Easement Deed**

35 Phil moved and Tom seconded a motion to accept the irrevocable offer and easement deed as  
36 presented. The motion passed 4-0, with Mike abstaining.

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38 **Consider Awarding Bid for Ford Ranger (for the sale of)**

39 Mike moved and Tom seconded a motion to award the Ford Ranger to Cheryl DeVos of Kimball  
40 Brook Farm in Hinesburg for \$2,100 to be paid by bank check within 72 hours of the award. The  
41 motion passed 5-0.

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43 **Consider Accepting Mulberry Lane, Thistle Hill, and Thorn Bush as Class 3 Roads**

44 Tom moved and Andrea seconded a motion to accept Mulberry Lane, Thistle Hill, and Thorn  
45 Bush, as Class 3 Town roads per 24 V.S.A. § 4463 (c) and the Town of Hinesburg Policy for

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46 Consideration of New Town Roads. The decision and order for acceptance of the three Class 3  
47 roads will be signed following review of the Warranty Deed and Property Transfer Tax Return  
48 by the Town’s attorney to ensure that the owner has good and marketable title to the roadways.  
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50 The motion passed 5-0.

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52 **Town Administrator’s Report**

53 The Town Administrator’s report included an update on the storm and corresponding damage,  
54 the water/wastewater operator’s hiring process nearing conclusion; the potential appointment of  
55 a Hinesburg representative to the Champlain Housing Trust board; and whether or not the Board  
56 wished to consider a resolution calling for education funding reform as other municipalities have  
57 done.

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59 **Selectboard Forum**

60 There was brief discussion about a benefit concert on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Old Lantern in Charlotte  
61 that is a fundraiser for the Bissonette Family Fields.

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63 Tom raised the idea of a tree cutting policy, or other mechanisms, to provide clearer guidance on  
64 the maintenance and removal of trees within the Town’s road right-of-way. The members  
65 discussed this for a few moments.

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67 **Warrants**

68 Phil moved and Mike seconded, a motion to approve the warrants as submitted, including  
69 payroll, by the Town Treasurer. The motion passed 5-0.

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71 Minutes of 12/1/15 and 12/8/15 meetings

72 Andrea moved and Phil seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 12/1/15. Jon suggested  
73 amending the Town Administrator’s Report to include the proper tense (edit to reflect the action  
74 taken at the meeting). The motion passed 5-0.

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76 Andrea moved and Phil seconded a motion to approve the minutes of 12/8/15. Jon suggested the  
77 same amendments to the Town Administrator’s report as the 12/1/15 minutes. The motion passed  
78 5-0.

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80 The meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

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83 Respectfully submitted,

84 Trevor M. Lashua, Town Administrator

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