



## Village Steering Committee

Town Of Hinesburg

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### Meeting Minutes January 13, 2014

**Present:** Michael Buscher, Jeff French, Catherine Goldsmith, Rolf Kielman

1. Approve minutes from the December 10, 2013 meeting.
  - a. Everyone approved.
2. Memorial Park Plan. Mike to update us on the status of the design and on the status of the situation with the trees and the right of way. Rolf to report on conversation with the Town tree warden, Paul Wiczoreck.
  - a. Mike contacted Joe C. and he needs to contact VTrans and push them into the YES on the trees in the right of way as VSC feels it is in line with their policy guidelines. Mike will continue to follow up
  - b. Rolf spoke to Paul W., he can move the tree that is outside the plan scope if needed. Spoke about buffering not only the road, but buffering properties as well.
    - Paul would like to discuss the species we suggest. Mike Buscher will have conversation with him around any questions or concerns on the selection of the particular variety of American Elm
2. Benches and Plaques. Review bench status. Look at bench in person
  - a. Jane was not available tonight. Will defer until next meeting.
3. New Members to committee. Status?
  - a. One applicant will be interviewed by Select Board
  - b. Jeff will send another FPF posting.
4. Sidewalk Update. Results of Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting. Further news?
  - a. School Board has sent letter opposing sidewalk expansion on west side of 116 from Charlotte Road to Hinesburg Community School as part of the Safe Routes to School proposal. Concern is around kids crossing Silver Street at Silver Street and Route 116.
  - b. Catherine will draft a response to this as VSC feels it is in the interest of the town to continue with the plan as designed and for pedestrian safety, to have an interconnected sidewalk network through the Village.

- c. VSC will continue its efforts to see that the Village remains walkable throughout. Will review trails connected to Rec Paths and sidewalk networks.
  - d. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Select Board hearing showed a new concept of resolving the crosswalk at Lantman's light.
  - e. Proposal of bringing sidewalk and walkability expert in to give presentation on trends and topics to make your town more walkable
5. Phase 2 Development Down by Kinney's. Update and current status.
- a. Catherine and Rolf attended DRB. DRB reviewed Phase 1 issues specifically, didn't get into Phase 2. More updates in later meetings.
6. Blackrock Development. VSC to review and certain members to attend joint committee meeting. Action if any currently? Reviewed the initial plans and attend meetings to review.
7. Norris Property 25 Unit Project Result and Post Mortem. Action to be taken by VSC in the form of general letter to the DRB and timing of town committee input during sketch plan rather than farther along in the process
- a. Outcome of the project is for DRB to ask for feedback from the various town committees earlier in the process as it was too late for VSC to comment on the proposal to be of any use to the decision outcome.
8. Review of historic structure preservation within the Village district and what actions the VSC might take going forward.
- a. Jeff to review regulations in regards to the town policies on protecting older structures in town. Come up with suggestions to strengthen regulations and enforcement.
9. Added items? Discussion?

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeff French  
Recording Secretary