Select Board
Town Of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2015
- Approved 2/09/15 -

Attending The Meeting: Jon Trefry, Tom Ayer, Andrea Morgante, Phil Pouech, Mike Bissonette, Trevor Lashua, and Alex Weinghagen

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

There were no public comments.

Jon asked for an addition to the agenda in the Select Board forum. Added will be discussion about the request from Rutland to support their resolution.

FY16 Budget Review and Discussion

The Board reviewed the latest changes to the budget.

The library's request has been reduced so that the increase is the same percentage as the general fund budget, a change of about $1,495 from what was requested.

The amount budgeted for property and liability insurance has been lowered by $4,000. The total increase from FY15 to FY16 is $16,000.

The amount to fund CUSI in the PD budget was lowered due to more accurate information received.

Planning and Zoning - Tom asked Alex if he has a work plan for the new staff. Andrea added that she has learned from the PC that they need more time from Alex. Alex said the plan of work for the new employee will greatly help free up his time for planning.

Andrea suggested the Town should be looking at all sidewalk and traffic grants available. She suggested applying to the UPWP (work plan from the Regional Planning Commission which accesses Federal transportation dollars) money on the planning side for both the Richmond Road and Charlotte Road intersection projects.

Alex said UPWP money cannot be used for final design and that is where the Charlotte Road intersection project is at. A request for the Richmond Road project has been submitted.

Jon noted there was some concern by the Board that Alex's time might get consumed in training new staff and so would not leave time for him to do planning projects. Alex said there will be some training but should not be a problem.

Trevor advised the estimated amount available to apply to the 116/Charlotte Road/Lantman's intersection project is $20,620. The number may still be adjusted, depending upon the Agency of Transportation's decision on the application of Safe Routes to School money used on construction. The general thought is to pursue a bike and pedestrian grant from VTrans (applications due in June, generally) for that project, and use the $4,500 in the Planning and Zoning budget for the local match on a planning program match for the Richmond Road bike/pedestrian scoping study. Andrea asked where the land preservation funds are listed. Trevor said they are included in the general government section.

Andrea asked Trevor to list the health insurance and number of staff covered separate from the general government funds.

Jon moved the Board vote to adopt the FY16 municipal government budget, to be presented to voters at Town Meeting on March 2nd, in the amount of $3,217,682.00. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Set The 2015 Town Meeting Warning

No petitioned articles were submitted by the 1/20 deadline.

Starting time of the meeting was discussed. If needed the school meeting can be recessed and the Town Meeting can be opened. The first item of business of the Town Meeting can be to recess and the school meeting can be re-opened to finish that business.

All articles were reviewed by the Board.

Jon asked about including an article regarding the Piggy Back Farmer Contracts. The Board discussed wording to allow the Town to reduce the withdrawal penalty. It was not clear if changes could be made by the Board. All agreed not to include an article and allow the contracts to expire. If there is demand for a contract again the Board can take it up at another time.

New this year is a warning with the question on providing notice of the availability of the Town Report, as opposed to providing a copy (via the postal service) of the report to all postal patrons. The question specifies how the notice will be provided to residents (postcard mailer, public posts at Town Hall, the post office, and the library).

Jon asked for a motion to approve the warning as discussed and amended on 1/26/15.

Mike B moved to approve and sign the 2015 Town Meeting warning, with the articles to be acted upon from the floor to be considered on March 2nd and the articles to be acted upon by Australian Ballot to

be considered on March 3rd. With a copy of the approved warning attached to these minutes. Second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

Town Administrator's Report

- **Lyman Meadows Water Issues –** The resident who has claimed that heating system issues experienced in January were the result of the Town's work on the pump and storage tank has asked to come before the Board at the February 9th meeting.
- **Hinesburg Center Phase II –** The developer, Mr. Grabowski of Milot Real Estate, has asked to schedule some time to discuss public improvements related to what is being called Hinesburg Center Phase II. This too is schedule for Feburary 9th. The Board asked Trevor to find out if the DRB is requesting he come to the SB.
- **Treatment Meeting –** Materials related to the treatment meeting will be available and on the website by early- to mid-week next week. Staff will do an FPF notice and see about getting something in the Citizen, as well as the weekly report.
- **Upcoming Meeting Schedule –** 2/2 (water treatment presentation and discussion), 2/9, and 2/23.

Select Board Items

Phil reports the Town has heard nothing from VT Gas. The Board agreed the Town should still pursue the Richmond Road line.

Survey of water users about treatment. Trevor is waiting for more specific information about treatment before surveying the users.

Andrea noted the sudden passing of Tom McGlenn, long time Planning Commission and DRB member and chair.

Tom asked for an update on the status of the Hannaford decision. Trevor said they are working on scheduling another mediation meeting.

Jon read the resolution from the Town of Rutland regarding input from Vermont municipalities regarding the siting of renewable energy projects.

Phil said he is opposed to signing, he feels this seems to be against renewable energy not other projects such as gas or transmission lines.

Mike B said he is inclined to support the fact that a town gets input.

Jon is also inclined to support, as a community he would want to have input on siting projects.

Tom is also in favor of supporting, does not want to have massive chunks of land covered with solar panels with no input from the Town.

Andrea mentioned that to the PSB utilities are considered on a regional and statewide level and the

utilities have taken precedence and not allowed input from municipalities or the public. She would like to see the renewable energy standards Rutland has developed before agreeing to the resolution.

After further discussion it was suggested the proper step might be to send a letter to Hinesburg Representatives advocating for participation from towns.

No action was taken.

Warrants

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

Minutes

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 1/19 with corrections as needed, second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary

TOWN MEETING WARNING
Town of Hinesburg, Vermont

The legal voters of the Town of Hinesburg, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Champlain Valley Union High School auditorium, in said Town of Hinesburg, Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00PM to transact business on all articles except Article 1, which will be voted upon by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. Australian Ballot voting will occur at the Town Hall at 10632 Vermont Route 116 in Hinesburg, with the polls to open on March 3rd at 7:00AM and close at 7:00PM. If necessary, the March 2nd meeting may be adjourned to the Hinesburg Town Hall at 9:00 AM on March 3rd to conduct any business left unfinished on March 2nd.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the necessary town and school district officers by Australian ballot Tuesday, March 3, 2015 (see "Officers for Election" list in the Annual Report).

ARTICLE 2: To hear the reports of the officers of the Town of Hinesburg and take action thereon.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town approve a General Government budget of $1,624,127, with the estimated sum of $1,263,827 appropriated from property taxes to defray the general government expenses of the Town?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town approve a Highway Department budget of $840,744, with the estimated sum of $703,594 appropriated from property taxes to defray the highway expenditures of the Town?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town approve the Hinesburg Community Police Department budget of $517,662 with the estimated sum of $493,662 appropriated from property taxes to defray the police expenditures of the Town?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town approve the Carpenter-Carse Library allocation from the Town of Hinesburg of $204,905, with the estimated sum of $204,905 appropriated from property taxes to defray the library allocation from the Town?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of $28,650, with the estimated sum of $28,650 appropriated from property taxes, to be distributed as specifically designated to the following agencies and organizations?

Women Helping Battered Women	$2,350
VT Center for Independent Living	$200
Community Resource Center	$11,000
Visiting Nurses Association	$6,500
COTS	$1,000
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	$2,000

Howard Center	$800
Chittenden County Community Action	$1,500
Hinesburg Rides	$1,750
Hope Works	$200
Vermont Red Cross	$200
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	$500
Hinesburg Senior Meal Site	$650

(If voters approved Articles 3 through 7 as presented, total general fund expenditures of $3,216,088 will be required, with the estimated amount of $2,694,638 to come from property tax revenue).

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to furnish the Town of St. George fire protection and first response coverage for an amount equivalent to 15% of the Town of Hinesburg's total FY15 operating and capital budget for fire and first response, estimated at the sum of $30,000?

ARTICLE 9: Shall voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow money when needed to meet current expenses and indebtedness of the Town of Hinesburg?

ARTICLE 10: Shall voters authorize the payment of real and personal property taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, payable in full to the Town of Hinesburg in one (1) installment, with the due date being November 16, 2015? Any and all payments received in the Town Treasurer's Office later than midnight on November 16, 2015 will be considered delinquent and will be subject to the collection of interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three (3) months and thereafter at the rate of 1.5% per month or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters provide notice of the availability of the town report to the residents of the Town of Hinesburg in lieu of mailing or otherwise distributing the report pursuant 24 V.S.A. § 1682? The notice of availability shall be provided by postcards mailed to residents, specifying that the town report is available to be picked up at the town clerk's office, and via public notices posted at the Town Hall, post office, and library.

ARTICLE 12: To transact any other business, as proper, to be brought before said meeting?

Signed and dated this 30th Day of January, 2015, and as attested to by:

Jonathan Trefry, Chair

Tom Ayer

Michael Bissonette, Vice-Chair

Phil Pouech

Andrea Morgante

Attest: Melissa Ross, Town Clerk