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TOWN OF HINESBURG SELECTBOARD MINUTES – JULY 16, 2015

In attendance: Michael Bissonette, Chair; Phil Pouech, Vice-Chair; Andrea Morgante; Tom Ayer; Ben Avery; Jeffrey Glassberg; Pat Mainer, Town Forest Committee; Trevor Lashua, Town Administrator.

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Mike B. commented on the passing of long-time Town Clerk Mary Zuber. The Board discussed making a donation to the Hinesburg Lions Club in her honor. Phil moved and Andrea seconded a motion to donate \$50 to the Hinesburg Lions Club in honor of former Town Clerk Mary Zuber. The motion passed 4-0.

Additions/Deletions

The Board agreed to add discussion and possible action on the proposed fire and police services agreements to the agenda, prior to the Town Administrator's report.

FY16 Tax Rate

Trevor discussed the proposed municipal and school property tax rates for FY16.

Andrea moved and Phil seconded a motion to set the FY16 tax rate as follows:

For Residential Property Taxpayers:

- Municipal rate: \$0.5165
- Local agreement rate: \$0.0015
- Hinesburg Community School rate: \$1.1315
- CVU rate: \$0.5055
- TOTAL FY16 Residential Property Tax Rate = \$2.1550

For Non-Residential Property Taxpayers:

- Municipal rate: \$0.5165
- Local agreement rate: \$0.0015
- Non-Residential Education Tax Rate: \$1.6678
- TOTAL FY16 Non-Residential Property Tax Rate = \$2.1858

Discussion on Interim Bylaws

The Board discussed a draft set of interim bylaws presented by the Town Administrator. Discussion focused on the applicability and scope, with additional discussion to follow at a future meeting. The Planning Commission's recommendation included "exceptions," which were discussed briefly as well. No action was taken.

Letter of Support for Placement of the Town Forest on the National Register of Historic Places

The Board discussed the nomination process, the historic nature of the Town forest, the involvement of the community in that process, and whether or not there was enough comfort related to potential or unknown restrictions associated with the designation. Andrea moved and Phil seconded a motion to write a letter support the placement of the Town Forest on the National Register of Historic Places. The motion did not pass, as the vote was 2-2 (2 in favor, 2 opposed).

St. George Police Services Agreement

The proposed one-year agreement for police services (60 hours total, traffic enforcement averaging 1.5 hours/week) was discussed. Phil moved and Andrea seconded a motion to approve the one-year police services agreement with St. George. The motion passed 4-0.

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52 St. George Fire Protection Agreement

53 The proposed agreement is a revision to the existing. The proposed agreement uses a per capita fee
54 charged against the average actual expenses from the preceding five-fiscal year period. Phil moved and
55 Andrea seconded a motion to approve the three-year fire protection agreement with St. George as
56 presented. The motion passed 4-0.

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58 Town Administrator's Report

59 The Board and Trevor discussed the report, which included line painting, paving plan status, a possible
60 discussion on fluoridation of drinking water, poison parsnip mowing, speed limits on VT Route 116, and
61 the repair of a pair of road areas.

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63 Selectboard Forum

64 The Board discussed a number of items, and spent time talking about stormwater management.

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66 Consent Agenda

67 Andrea moved and Phil seconded a motion to approve the warrants and minutes of July 2, 2015. The
68 motion passed 4-0.

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70 Tom moved and Andrea seconded a motion to accept Hannah Haselton's letter (email) of resignation
71 from the Energy Committee. The motion passed 4-0.

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73 The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.