



Select Board

Town Of Hinesburg
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Meeting Minutes - January 11, 2016

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

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

There were no public comments or changes to the agenda.

FY17 Budget Presentation and Discussion – Agency Request Review Committee (ARRC)

Kate Dodge, Kristin Miskavage, and Kathleen Newton reviewed the requests received and recommended funding level. They provided information on level of service to Hinesburg residents for each agency.

The Board noted their appreciation of the work of the committee and the level of information provided.

The Board also noted it would be interesting to know the level of support given by surrounding towns.

FY17 Budget Work Session

Trevor noted the budget version currently being reviewed results in a 4.71% increase from the FY 16 budget approved by voters. This is largely due to the spike in worker's compensation insurance costs as well as the property and casualty insurance.

Grand List growth is predicted at a 1.08% increase.

There is no additional fund balance available to apply to the tax rate.

The Board discussed the proposed funding additions presented to them at budget meetings. They agreed to remove the \$4,000 request by the Affordable Housing Committee. The Board agreed that Hinesburg currently has several housing projects in the works that address the issue. Andrea also pointed out the need for a study is premature till the Town understands how much building the Village can accommodate.

The Conservation Commission requested an additional \$2,500 for land preservation. The Board agreed to add \$1500 to the Land Preservation Fund for a total of \$2,500.

Town Forest Committee request for \$5,000 was removed. The Board agreed the information for a forestry plan should be done by the County Forester.

Trails Committee request of \$500 for materials for trail bridge construction was approved.

Technology expense of \$4,000 to increase level of IT support was removed.

Lake Iroquios Association request for \$30,000 was removed. The Board would like to see another year of data on the milfoil mitigation proposed. They agreed the LIA can still apply for the permits now. Jon also asked if there is a method to get any revenue from the State to support as the Lake is used by so many from surrounding areas.

The Board then reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan and agreed that with the funding levels needed through FY21 are increased there is no advantage to delay funding requests. There will be a narrative in the Town Report so voters are aware of what expenses are on the horizon.

In reviewing the general budget the following changes were made; Hinesburg Community Police reduced the vehicle fuel to 12,000, the Board was questioning the high cost for utilities and agreed to check with the architect about the efficiency design and why the costs are so high.

In Building and Facilities line for R&M discussed was to allow coverage for maintenance of sidewalks and sidewalk benches. Tom pointed out there are several areas of existing sidewalk that will be in need of repair or replacement, he suggested looking at asphalt paving vs. concrete sidewalks as a possible cost saving. He said the Town should look at maintenance before expanding. It was agreed to increase professional services by \$1000 to include sidewalk work. In conjunction with the increase they agreed to decrease Land Preservation by \$1000 to \$1,500.

The Board discussed the need to know the number of miles for Highway and Town vehicles driven to help with determining vehicle allocation costs.

Discussion on Town Meeting Warning

Board agreed to warn voting to make the delinquent tax collector an appointed position as opposed to elected.

Whether or not to purchase the solar trackers located at the wastewater lagoons. The Board agreed the time frame will not allow for sufficient information to residents and discussion of the proposal.

Discussion on VT Gas Pipeline Project and Town-Owned Property

Andrea feels the Select Board should notify the Public Service Board that the Town has no agreement and has received no money but VT Gas is preceding with the pipeline.

Jon recommended the Town Attorney notify VT Gas the Town will be contacting the Public Service Board.

Trevor will check with the Town Attorney on the matter.

Town Administrator's Report

- a. **Email Participation in Select Board Meetings** – Questions and/or comments can be sent to selectboard@hinesburg.org. VCAM will be placing the address on the Town's meeting stream page (online) and running the occasional crawl ticker at the bottom of television screens during the live broadcast.
- b. **Water Supply and Treatment Facility Update** – Town staff met with the engineers, construction team, and a representative of the Department of Environmental Conservation Wednesday for the first construction meeting. Work has continued at a steady pace, with much of the concrete in place and the walls and trusses possibly installed as early as later in the week next week. The project is advancing well within the previously described timeline (calling for completion and connection on or before July 4th). Brad Aldrich from Aldrich and Elliott (the Town's engineering firm for the project) will be scheduled for an upcoming meeting to discuss project progress as well.

Select Board Items

Tom was happy to report the Bissonette Field fundraiser made \$12,100.

Jon asked about the wastewater study and Trevor advised it is progressing.

Mike asked Trevor if he received a forwarded email regarding an incident. Trevor said he had and there has been no further information on this.

Andrea questioned the minutes regarding the sale of the fire trucks – the Town should have a record of funds received and where those funds are then used.

Andrea asked for an update on the sale of the old police station at the next meeting.

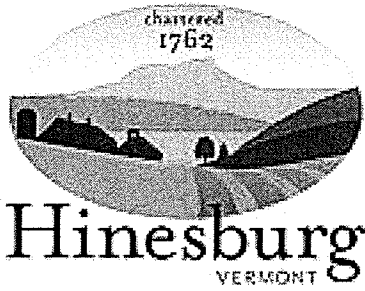
Consent Agenda

Phil moved the Board vote to approve the consent agenda, second by Jon and approved with 5 yes votes.

Phil moved the Board adjourn at 9:55 p.m., second by Jon and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary

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Selectboard Meeting Sign-in Sheet January 11, 2016

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2. Kathleen Newton

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3. Kristin Miskavage

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