



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2016

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

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Executive Session – 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (2) [Real Estate]

Tom moved the Board consider a motion to find that premature general public disclosure would place the municipality at a substantial disadvantage with the proposed sale or purchase of real estate in which the municipality is a party. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Andrea moved the Board consider a motion to enter executive session, to include the Town Administrator, under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (2). Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Andrea moved the Board consider a motion to come out of executive session, second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

There were no public comments or changes to the agenda.

Vermont Electric Cooperative Presentation on Proposed Solar Array on Magee Hill Road

Andrea Cohen, Vermont Electric Cooperative and Chad Farrell of Encore Redevelopment presented information on a proposed solar array on Magee Hill Road.

There is a 45 day notice period for the project. The project goes through the Public Service Board not the local municipality. The PSB allows input from the local community and interested individuals.

Phil asked if 3-phase power will be run from the transfer station and was advised there currently is existing 3-phase.

Zoe Dawson said this is a large commercial scale development and asked about the percent of power

directly benefitting Hinesburg customers who do not have solar systems. Chad said the majority of power purchased will be used in Hinesburg.

Steven Polli is asking the Select Board to not support the project, he is concerned with property values and the fact that this is a commercial scale project in a residential neighborhood.

Chuck Reiss spoke as a member of the energy committee and his own concerns for Hinesburg. He said Hinesburg wants renewable energy and there is a mandated need to produce renewable energy and also protect what the Town looks like. Appropriate design to fit in with the character of the topography of the neighborhood is important.

Emily Bruce said this is a huge number of panels for a residential area. She feels screening will decrease the solar benefit. She is concerned once the project reaches the PSB they will have no voice.

Chad agrees regarding screening and would like to work with the Town and residents before the project goes to the PSB.

Brad Stetler asked if there is a minimum size where the project is no longer financially viable. Chad said there is but that number is unknown at this time.

Peter Erb addressed the screening. Chad said they will be working with a landscape architect. Peter asked about the renewable energy credits and was told they go to Vermont Co-op.

Martha Ellerman said there are no examples of screening blending into a neighborhood and asked for data on the impact on property values.

Chad said they can provide data on property values showing there is no effect and can also provide examples of projects in residential areas.

Connie Kendall asked about community scale and commercial scale relating to megawatts.

James Donegan said he would like screening on the sides as well as along the road.

John Dunshee brought up the solar project on Charlotte Rd and how bad that looks. Chad said because of projects like that there is now the 100 ft. set back requirement.

Phil noted State law has changes and the Co-Op will need the credits to show they are meeting the mandate.

Sue Johnson asked what happens after the 25-year lease. Chad said there is a mandatory decommissioning fund to remove the project if no longer in use.

Steven Polli said he supports solar but not at this site as this is a commercial size project not residential.

Chuck Reiss asked Chad to work with the Town.

Andrea asked what the benefit is to SoCore. Chad said SoCore will finance the construction and operating expense. Vermont Co-Op pays for each kilowatt generated. SoCore pays the lease for 25-years to the property owners.

The owner of the project pays the property taxes and receives tax credits.

Chad said he would if wanted come back as the project proceeds to review and answer questions.

Consider Proposed Changes to the Town Forest Management Plan

Pat Mainer reviewed the proposed changes with the Board.

Al Barber pointed out in regards to open burning if the fire is used for cooking food it is allowed.

Jon moved the Board consider a motion to adopt the proposed changes to the Town Forest Management Plan, adding sections 3.2.2.7 as proposed by the Town Forest Committee, prohibiting camping. Second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

Discuss Changes to the Water and Wastewater Ordinances

Board reviewed time line prepared by Trevor. Andrea noted it is important for the PC to be aware of where the Board is in the process of allocation.

Tom asked about generation 3 – when there is no more capacity what are the next steps to be taken. The task force will meet this Wednesday.

Consider Approving Scope of Work for Old Police Station/Connector Road Site Plan (Includes discussion of conceptual budget estimate)

Otter Creek Engineering submitted a proposed scope of work that the Board reviewed.

Phil noted that the plan for lot 1 is in flux. Curbing is one item as it goes against stormwater regulations.

The Board also discussed the path being asphalt. Tom said he would like to eliminate the path and utilize existing sidewalk.

The question of why the hydrant is proposed to be moved was brought up.

If the road is a one way road why the need for a 26 ft width.

Andrea addressed the need to look at the sketch to be sure it is what the Board wants to submit.

Tom moved the Board consider a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to finalize and sign a scope of work with Otter Creek Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$17,000 for site plan, design, and construction assistance related to the connector road and old Police Station sale. Costs associated with the site plan and other work to be paid from the proceeds of the old Police Station sale. Second by Jon and approved with 5 yes votes.

The Board noted that the contract is “not to exceed” but to convey to Otter Creek depending on outcome of the DRB meeting reductions are possible.

Consider Approving the Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage

Tom moved the Board consider a motion to approve the 2016 certificate of highway mileage. Second by Phil and approved.

Town Administrator’s Report

- a. **Appointments to Vacant Seats on Boards, Committees, Commissions** – There are a number of interviews with candidates penciled in for the 2/15 meeting.
- b. **VT Gas and Geprags Park** – Andrea noted the eminent domain hearing is scheduled for 2/11/16 in Montpelier.
- c. **FY16 Budget status Discussion** – The agenda for the 2/15 meeting includes a discussion on the status of the FY16 budget. With more than half of the fiscal year gone, it’s an opportune time to stop and take a look at where we are and where we’re going.
- d. **Town Meeting Budget Assignments** – Town Meeting budget assignments will need to be determined during the 2/15 meeting.
- e. **Town Meeting Tune-Up and Local Government Day in the Statehouse** – VLCT’s annual, “Town Meeting Tune-Up,” event is scheduled for Wednesday, 2/3, for local officials who may be interested. “Local Government Day” at the Vermont Statehouse is scheduled for one week later (Wednesday, 2/10). Let us know if you have any interest in attending either, and we’ll coordinate the registration process with you/for you (your choice). Local Government Day is that special time of year when scores of local elected and appointed officials descend upon Montpelier and attempt to remind the Legislature that communities are at the very core of what makes Vermont a special place to live. And there are usually cookies...

Select Board Items

Mike requested the 2/15 meeting start early due to the volume of work. It was agreed to start at 6:35 p.m.

Andrea said she is on the UPWP Committee for the Regional Planning Commission. 1.5 million dollars of planning projects have been submitted and they have \$850,000 to award.

Warrants

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

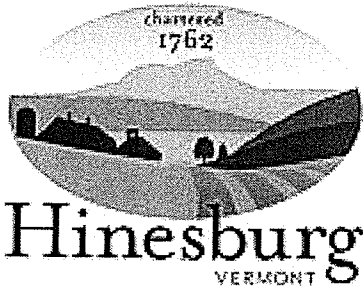
Minutes

Jon moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 1/25/16 as amended, second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

The Board adjourned at 9:50 p.m. on a motion by Phil and second by Jon and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary

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Sign-in Sheet

February 01, 2016

1. FRANK COSS

2. Connie Kendall

3. Rachel Thibault

4. BRIAN THIBAUT

5. Masha Herman

6. Emily Bruce

7. Dave Shirley

8. Zoe Dawson

9. Susan Johnson

10. John Punshee

11. Justin Blom

12. Wm Blom

13. Antoine Skilton

14. ANDREW COHEN

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17. James Bruce

18. Brad Stetter

19. Susanne Miller

20. Aaron Kimball

21. Maggie Gordon

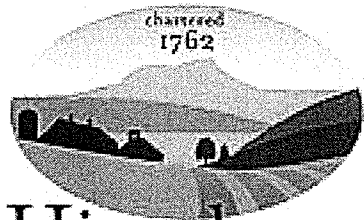
22. John Kimball

23. Chuck Petess

24. James Donegan

25. AL BARBER

26. Pat Mainer



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