



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes - May 16, 2016

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Attending the Meeting: Mike Bissonette, Phil Pouech, Aaron Kimball, Tom Ayer, Andrea Morgante, Trevor Lashua, Renae Marshall, and attached list.

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

There were no public comments.

Changes to the Agenda

Nancy Baker wanted to add the issue of road signs on the Sunset Lake roads. She said new signs were put up and the road names are incorrect. Trevor said when the signs were ordered the names the State used were pulled from the E911 database. We are replacing signs town wide to conform to State road sign regulations.

Andrea noted there may be a mix up in the data base but it is important as the road was named Sunset Lane East not E Sunset Lane.

Mike B asked Nancy to work with Trevor on this.

Revolving Loan Fund

Melisa Levy, committee member, said the sample documents sent to the Board are from the Addison County Economic Development Corporation.

Steve Gladstone, also committee member, said they are looking for direction from the Select Board on the structure of the committee that will accept the applications.

Andrea noted some items on the sample documents she feels need to be addressed; define what the Addison County Economic Development Corporation is / what the goals and objectives / clarify the statement referring to government agencies.

Phil asked if all costs associated with servicing the loan are taken on by the person paying the loan and

was told they are.

Missy Ross asked who is working the applicants, seeing them through the process of lending and collecting.

Tax Sale List

Missy said she will be asking the Board to appoint a member of the Board to be at the tax sale to bid on any property if it is in the Town's best interest to obtain that property.

Andrea asked about the legal process of eviction.

The Board agreed to seek legal advice on dealing with the particular property discussed.

Nancy Baker asked about Sunset Lane Road. Missy said that is not for sale for various reasons, she also said she has thought of valuing the property at zero and ask the Board of Abatement to abate the taxes.

Missy will come back to the Board with more information on the property that is 12 years delinquent and a letter from the attorney's office for the SB to approve their June meeting.

Executive Session

Andrea moved the Board consider a motion to find that premature general public disclosure would place the municipality at ...

Andrea moved the Board vote to enter executive session, to include the Town Administrator and Renae Marshall under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. 313 to discuss personnel issues. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Andrea moved the Board vote to exit Executive session. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Report of VT Gas Subcommittee

Mike B said the committee met including Bob Hyams and Alison Lesure, conservation committee members, four times in warned meetings during which they worked on questions submitted. At 2 of the 4 meetings VT Gas was represented. They recently have worked on the deed of easement /clarified easement decisions /present map line of construction / looking for a very detailed restoration plan.

The Richmond Road work is estimated to start in fall 2016. 80% of residents will now be eligible due to a change in connection method from the line to the home. Conversion cost of \$3,000 to \$3,500 to change over with a \$400 rebate and financing available. There is also a rental option and insulation

program available.

The deed is going to the Town Agent for review and the Board will be asking for an additional 10 hours of legal work for outside legal assistance to work with the Town Attorney. Mike noted outside funds were only available till the PSB decision; Hinesburg at that time had an agreement and so was not eligible.

Andrea asked about safety measures if VT Gas abandons the line.

Alison said they are working on language; the Town has the discretion to leave in the ground or have the line removed.

Tax revenue generated for the Town from VT Gas is estimated at \$465,000 and 25% to municipal. VT Gas will provide \$3,000 a year to continue the restoration.

Lawrence Shelton commended the committee for their work on the distribution line up Richmond Rd. He asked if house values will go down for properties by the line offsetting the VT Gas tax revenue. He is strongly against leaving the pipe in the ground allowing continuation of fossil fuels.

Nancy Baker asked if public utilities pay taxes and was told they do.

Peter Erb assistance programs are available to all and not just the mobile home parks.

Rachel Smolker asked what happens if VT Gas can't get the necessary permits to extend up Richmond Rd. Aaron said the Town is advocating and making sure the permits can and will happen.

Bob Thiefels is still concerned that a corporation will not go up Richmond Rd without a survey to see how many will hook up. Is there a penalty to VT Gas if they don't install the line up Richmond Rd.

Bill Marks said regarding outside legal assistance, he provided Trevor a list of names of lawyers in the past. Trevor said he will give those names to the Town Attorney.

Linda Gage asked for VT Gas to provide names of those surveyed, if done, of residents who will connect.

Nancy Baker said the sale of the pipeline needs to be addressed – wetland permits are still needed for the park. She asked to have VT Gas pay the fees for an expert Hinesburg picks to be at the committee meetings. She asked about the Town wide vote.

Mike B said they have three legal opinions who say the vote does not apply.

Peter Erb is concerned with other gaseous elements that would flow through the pipe.

Janice Nadwory asked if there is any change in the amount the Town will be paid? Aaron said yes, more money is being paid to the park for 10 years. Janice asked about the compensation amount to Hinesburg compared to other towns and funds to monitor the line.

Renaë said safety monitoring is tied to the VT Gas permit.

Ned F, of VT Gas, said any agreement by VT Gas is continued with any entity that would purchase the pipeline.

Nancy asked if work has been done with the Fire Department regarding training and specific equipment requirements.

Aaron said the Fire Chief said they are prepared if needed.

Bill Marks addresses the Town wide question and VLCT legal advice. Trevor said he deferred to the Town Attorney.

Chuck Reiss said at a previous Town Meeting vote the Town voted not to accept tar sands through our Town. He noted other energy programs and options. He asked if there has been any thought regarding possible tampering of the pipeline.

Bob T said he knows homeowners who have been offered much more than the Town has to cross their property. He proposes to ask VT Gas for \$20,000 to go into a contingency fund.

Andrea said she is looking for wetlands delineation, looking for the line to be marked and oversight of the project. How was the DEC assessment done. Permits to cross the roads? Trevor said the permits were granted.

Weight limits on Town roads not being adhered to. Trevor said the challenge to enforcing is that the Town does not have the necessary equipment.

Phil moved the Board consider a motion to approve up to 10 legal hours of assistance to the Town Attorney for VT Gas issue. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Town Administrator Report

Gilman Road – The baited traps have had a high pick up rate and are successful, the exterminator suggested of the items to be removed to first remove the vehicles. Porta Potty needs to be installed and remove the dumpster. Phil asked what the cost to the Town has been for this. Trevor said he does not believe there has been any.

Phil asked about the Old Police Station Sale – Trevor advised needs stormwater permit and ACT 250 permit, they have pushed the closing date to the end of June.

Tom said the new **Water Treatment Building** looks good and asked when opening day will be. Trevor said they do not yet have a specific date.

Tom said the **Bissonette Field** work will be getting under way shortly – they will be using a temporary

construction road for access.

Andrea asked about the poles **Green Mountain Power** is replacing and if the lights will be fixed. She wanted to know what assurance the Town has that the wires will be changed to the new poles so the Town is not left with two poles.

Andrea also mentioned that the **Tree Service Asplundh** is using the Highway garage area for parking their vehicles and wanted to know if the Town is receiving any compensation for this.

Phil noted there may be a possible solution regarding the wetlands with the proposed **Sidewalk From Jolley to NRG**.

Andrea asked for an update on **Observatory Road**.

Minutes

Phil moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 5/02 and 5/09. Second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

Warrants

Phil moved the Board vote to consider approving the warrants, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Aaron moved the Board adjourn at 10:00 p.m., second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary



Selectboard Meeting Sign-in Sheet May 16th, 2016

1. Melissa Levy

2. R Field

3. Renae Marshall

4. NANCY BAKER

5. LINDA GABE

6. Missy Ross

7. Rachel Small

8. [Signature]

9. NEO FARQUHAR

10. Alison Lesore

11. Bob Thierfeld

12. Juanice Nadworny

13. Bob Hyams

14. Merrily Lovell

15. Chuck Rein

16. Sally M. Rein

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