

TOWN OF HINEBURG

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

August 4, 2016

Attending the meeting; Mike Bissonette, Phil Pouech, Andrea Morgante, Tom Ayer, Aaron Kimball, Trevor Lashua and attached list.

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

There was no public comment or changes to the agenda.

Consider appointing the Town's representative to the CCTA Board

Karla Munson has submitted her resignation as representative.

Tom moved the Board consider a motion appointing Kim Parker to fill the remainder of Karla's term as Hinesburg's representative to the CCTA Board. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

The now open alternate position that Kim held will be advertised on the Town web site.

Solar trackers

Phil recused himself from this item as a Board member.

Payne Morgan, of All Earth Renewables, reviewed two options for going forward with the trackers.

One is for the Town to purchase the trackers and the second is to renew the Power Purchase Agreement.

The Board agreed to begin exploring finance options if they choose the purchase option with a goal to have the information in time to hold a vote in November.

All Earth will get information to the Board on cost of all components, warranties and extended service warranties, energy credits.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes on Screening

Andrea asked about the definition of "large" referring to parking areas and unbroken facades on buildings. Alex suggested removing the term "large" and Andrea agreed.

Lynn Gardner addressed Rural Industrial District 1. He said he has a problem with internal screening. Alex noted the objective of screening is from public roads and adjacent residential allowed uses.

Maggie Gordon further noted Lynn's concern about minor site plan with changes of tenants is not just for existing but for possible new development required screening.

Andrea moved the Board consider a motion to hold a Public Hearing on 9/12/16. Second by Aaron.

Tom asked about addressing the amount of screening required and Alex noted it is difficult to put a number on it.

Motion voted and approved with 4 yes votes and Phil abstaining.

Meadow Mist Escrow

Alan Norris reviewed the proposed escrow agreement, he stated he was in agreement to the change to \$45,000 from \$30,000.

Phil moved the Board consider a motion to approve the escrow agreement for the sidewalk for the Misty Meadows project with the 20% match capped at \$45,000. The agreement does not obligate the Town to pay the amount of the grant match regardless of cost. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Tom said he hopes the Town will be flexible in making this work whatever the construction material.

Consider response to Open Meeting Law complaint

The complaint alleged that a discussion on 7/27 constituted an illegal meeting and that the illegal meeting influenced the decision of the Selectboard on 7/28.

Phil asked Bud Allen about the discussion. Bud noted what the conversation between he and Will Dodge encompassed. Bud further explained they are not members of the subcommittee, it was simply a discussion between two individuals.

Tom moved the Board consider a motion stating the Selectboard did not violate the open meeting law and no cure or remedy is required.

Second by Aaron.

Members of the audience they had wanted to see the motion and amendments in writing and did not know what it said and could not hear what was read.

Andrea added they should have had the amendments in advance.

Motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

Town Administrator report

Trevor noted the permit to operate the new water treatment facility is expected shortly.

Selectboard items

Aaron said he is looking for an update on the discussion regarding the Mason's building and the new furnace and gas lines. He noted the nursery school needs to know.

Andrea said regarding the Grn Mtn power pole she mentioned at the last meeting, she contacted Waitsfield Champlain Valley Telecom and was advised the lines on the pole belong to Comcast.

Andrea said she has been getting a lot of correspondence of concern with the poison parsnip along the roads.

Warrants

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

Minutes

Tom moved the Board consider a motion to approve the minutes of 7/21 as amended, second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Tom moved to adjourn at 9:40 p.m., second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Spadaccini, secretary