



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2017

- Draft -

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

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Mike B removed item #10 from the agenda.

There was no public comment.

Consider Appointments to Boards, Committees, or Commissions

Andy Greenberg was present to apply for an alternate position on the DRB. Andy has been a resident of Hinesburg for nine months and feels he would be a good fit to the DRB with his background in Civil Engineering and Home Design.

Aaron moved the Board consider a motion to appoint Andy Greenberg to one of the open seats for an alternate on the Development Review Board for a term expiring 1/01/19. Second by Phil and approved with 4 yes votes.

FY18 Budget Discussion (Continued, Focus on Capital Improvement Budget and Program)

Board members reviewed and discussed the version of the budget reflecting the actions taken last Monday. This version (v.02a) is a proposed increase of \$47,766, or 1.4%, from the FY17 budget as approved by voters. This increase is less than half of the projected rate of inflation for state and local governments in FY18. If approved by voters, residential property taxes are projected to increase by 1.45 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

Phil asked about the fact that funding for Lake Iroquois Association is no longer included in the general budget. Trevor the customary \$5,000 is now included as part of the separate warned article.

Tom added that it seems it would benefit LIRD and LIA to combine efforts.

Members then reviewed the capital budget summary sheet showing the funding for capital items as proposed in v.02a of the FY18 budget.

Lenore addressed the mission of the trails committee of interconnected sidewalks and trails and is looking to get one of their projects included in the capital budget in hopes of accumulating funds that could be used for grant match money or other projects.

The Board discussed putting some money into the capital budget without marking it for a particular project such as Lenore will work with Trevor on this for future funding.

Review Draft Town Meeting 2017 Warning

In reviewing the Town Warning the Board agreed if allowable to vote on Article 12 by Australian ballot to allow more voters a say on the question especially since this is a five-year commitment.

Consider Authorizing the Town Administrator to Obtain a Bond Anticipation Note for the Solar Trackers

The Vermont Municipal Bond Bank is not issuing bonds until July 2017; the Town will need to acquire a bond anticipation note to finalize the sale. The Town will solicit quotes from three private lending institutions, seeking the best possible interest rate.

Aaron moved the Board consider a motion authorizing the Town Administrator to obtain a bond anticipation note for the purpose of finalizing the sale of the solar trackers located at the wastewater lagoon. Second by Tom and approved with 3 yes votes and Phil abstaining.

Town Administrator's Report

- a. **Vermont Gas Update** – Communication between VGS and the environmental inspector has been working well. Vermont Gas will be placing guide wires along the easement path in order to facilitate the drilling process. No cutting or clearing will be done; a few wooden survey stakes will be used to hold the wires in place. Drilling is tentatively slated to begin next week.
- b. **Baldwin Road** – The engineer (Tyler Billingsley of East Engineering) completed his survey of the site. The Highway Foreman and his crew will remove the posts when possible next week; the job cannot be paused once started and thus requires a full day. As was mentioned last week, removal will not be easy.

- c. **Vicious Dog Attack** – The Board may need to convene a special meeting to deal with a vicious dog attack; the hearing may be scheduled to coincide with the 01/30 meeting instead. This attack is alleged to have occurred along North Road in the Triple L neighborhood. The owners of the dogs involved, as well as the victims, are the same as an incident that occurred in 2015. The Board will meet at 6:30 on the 30th to hold the hearing.
- d. **Preliminary FY18 School Tax Rate** – On Friday afternoon we received notice of the preliminary education tax rate for residential properties – given the impending district merger, the rate is currently projected to be nine cents less than the current fiscal year’s rate. In rough terms, voters could approve the Town’s budget and the highway garage bond and still see a 4 to 4.5 cent *decrease* in residential property tax rates.

<i>“Two-and-Two”</i>	
<u>01/30/17</u>	<u>02/06/17</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal adoption of FY18 budget, FY18-FY22 Capital Budget, and warning of Town Meeting 2017. ▪ Highway Garage replacement project discussion. ▪ Begin discussion on water and wastewater allocation policies, framework, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>TBD</i>

Select Board Items

Mike B asked Trevor for an update on Hannaford. Trevor said the Board was sent copies of the briefs filed and March 8 is the hearing date.

Phil asked about the status of fencing along the canal. Trevor said that request is still active and he will get an update to the Board.

Aaron noted the marker posts have been removed at the Baldwin Rd intersection.

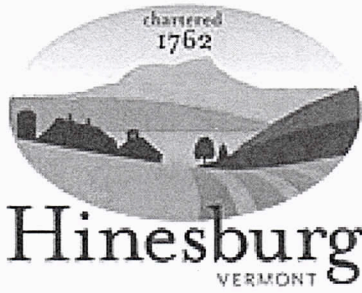
Tom said he was notified of a new possible grant opportunity for the recreation fields he will be applying for.

Warrants

Aaron moved the Board consider a motion to approve the warrants, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer. Second by Tom and approved with 4 yes votes

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 on a motion by Aaron, second by Tom and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board



Selectboard Meeting Sign-in Sheet January 23rd, 2017

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