



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes - February 6, 2017

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

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Agenda Changes

Trevor noted that Paul Lesure is unable to attend regarding his interest in applying for the Energy Committee.

Public comment

None.

Board/Committee/Commission – Interviews and Possible Appointments

Jonathan Slason, applicant for the open alternate's seat on the Development Review Board, spoke with the Board about his interest and qualifications for serving on the DRB. He recently moved to Hinesburg and has experience as a civil and transportation engineer. He has attended a DRB meeting.

Phil moved the Board consider a motion to appoint Jonathan Slason as an alternate on the Development Review Board for a term expiring 1/01/19. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Discussion with CSWD Representative Lynn Gardner re Collection of Food Scraps

Lynn Gardner, the Town's representative to the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD), was present to discuss implementation of the collection of food scraps, particularly whether or not a rural area exemption is necessary or desirable.

Lynn said the projected cost to the customer is 30 to 40 dollars a month in rural areas.

Phil said that a lot of people are composting and he feels this is a waste of energy, time and money for a small improvement. He feels education would be a better use of the cost.

Andrea said it is important to remember residents do have a choice. They can bring to the drop off center, compost or pay the higher fee. Residents are still required to compost if the exemption is granted and alleviates the haulers from responsibility.

Lynn will check if Hinesburg exempts haulers now can the exemption be removed at a later point. The Board agreed to grant the exemption and look at it again in the future.

Establish Town Meeting Budget and Article Assignments

Aaron will take charge for Fire, Police and Planning & Zoning. Andrea will do Highway and the Bond Vote, Tom will take Select Board including Legal, the Town Administrator, insurances and Recreation. Phil will cover the remainder of the General Bud get. Mike B will cover LIA including the milfoil project and the proposed dog ordinance.

Proposal by Brenda Waters re Public Green Spaces

Brenda Waters was present to discuss a proposal related to public green spaces. She is proposing to return green spaces around Hinesburg municipal buildings and on Town owned properties back to natural landscape.

Andrea pointed out much of the Town owned land is used for recreational purposes and needs to be mowed and there are many areas where the Town has implemented such as buffers and maintaining natural swales and ditches.

Phil asked Brenda to take a look at the Town Plan now being reviewed by the Select Board to see if there are certain actions she would suggest.

Discussion with Joe Gannon re Emergency Medical Services

Joe Gannon addressed the issue of his being fired by the Fire Chief from his position on the Fire Department and EMT. Joe explained the incidence that occurred and provided the Board with a copy of a letter in his personnel file stating he resigned. Joe wanted to set the record straight stating the letter was not accurate.

Andrea said there needs to be clarification of a process to handle questionable situations involving members of volunteer organizations.

Elizabeth Deutsch, who is a critical care nurse, expressed her concerns with EMS in Hinesburg and protocols for critical care. She questioned why only St. Mike's is called on. She explained that in a critical care emergency response time to get the patient proper help makes all the difference. Why is Richmond which would provide a faster response time not used?

Joe said a report was done by him comparing St. Mike's response vs. Richmond Rescue and response from Richmond Rescue was on average 7 to 8 minutes better.

Consider Closing Vicious Dog Hearing Deliberations and Approving Findings of Fact and Order

Board members reviewed the wording and made some changes to be sure the order was exact and clear.

Tom moved the Board consider a motion to close deliberations and adopt the draft findings of fact and order as amended. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Consider Approving a Special Event Permit for Frost Beer Works

Aaron moved the Board convene as the Liquor Control Board, second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Frost Beer Works would like approval for a special event permit for a series of "pint nights" beginning on Thursday, 02/23 and ending on Sunday, 02/26. The application seeks permission to serve the pints from 2 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. on each of the days listed.

Tom brought up the point that last year it was discussed to have Frost Beer Works get an annual license as other establishments do. Trevor said there may be a threshold as to the number of permit requests allowed in a year and will check on that.

Andrea moved the Board consider a motion to approve the special event permit for Frost Beer Works, LLC, doing business as Frost Beer Works, for the period beginning Thursday 2/23/17 and extending through Sunday 2/26/17 for the hours of 2 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Phil moved the Board adjourn as Liquor Control Board, second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Consider Adopting the Town Highway Certificate of Mileage (annual)

The Town is required to adopt a certificate of highway mileage annually. The certificate informs both the official highway map and state highway aid calculations. No changes to the certificate are proposed from the prior year.

Phil brought up the fact that Thistle Hill should have been added a few years ago. Trevor will check into the process to add roads and to update the class 4 road information.

Phil moved the Board consider a motion to approve the 2017 Certificate of Highway Mileage. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Town Administrator's Report

- a. **Vermont Gas Update** – Drilling is well underway; rock was encountered early so progress has been slow (with regards to distance drilled). The coming week is the aforementioned week of “action” scheduled by advocacy groups (Protect Geprags Park, Montpelier-based Central Vermont Climate Action, and others).
- b. **Town Plan** – A copy of the memo and plan (with assorted appendices and maps) is in the folder. The 2/20 discussion will focus on how the Board wishes to conduct its review and the timeline for it. The Town Plan and associated materials already exist on the front page of the Town’s website <www.hinesburg.org> so the materials are not separately included in the Select Board packet (as provided to the public).
- c. **Haystack Crossing 2nd Amendment** – This has been rescheduled to the 2/20 meeting to allow time for questions to be answered.
- d. **CCRPC Functional Classification** – Two segments of road in Hinesburg have been recommended for functional reclassification; the email received from the regional planning commission with more detail is included.
- e. **Short Report** – This is our fifth consecutive Monday together, hence the shorter report.

<i>"Two-and-Two"</i>	
<u>02/20/17</u>	<u>03/06/17</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Highway Garage replacement project public hearing (hearings on 02/20, 02/27). ▪ Review A&E WW Capacity Study and begin discussion on water and wastewater allocation policies, framework, etc. ▪ Discuss/determine review process for Town Plan update. ▪ Haystack Crossing 2nd amendment; continued discussion and possible action. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u><i>Town Meeting 2017.</i></u>

Select Board Items

Andrea asked if there will be an article in the Hinesburg Record on the Highway Garage. Trevor said he will take care of that.

Andrea also said they should start thinking about improvements to lot one. Trevor said the road and parking are the first steps.

Tom asked for an agenda item to discuss the funds from VT Gas and how the Town will utilize them at the next meeting.

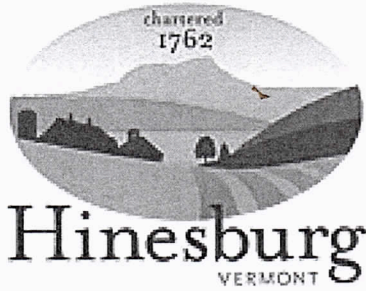
Phil noted the upcoming Green Mountain Transit Meeting which will be his third meeting. He reports it is going well.

Minutes of January 30, 2017 and Warrants

Phil moved the Board consider a motion to approve the minutes of 1/30/17 and the warrants, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on a motion by Aaron, second by Tom and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board



Selectboard Meeting Sign-in Sheet

February ~~2nd~~, 2017

6:45

1. Jon Slason

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2. Veronica Estey

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3. Merrily Lovell

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4. Jan Gaur

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5. Brenda Waters

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6. Jeff Tobrocke

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7. Elizabeth Deutsch

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