



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2018

- Approved 1/15/18 -

Attending the Meeting: Phil Pouech, Aaron Kimball, Merrily Lovell, Tom Ayer, Andrea Morgante, Renae Marshall, Erik Bailey, Ben Avery, Kathy Newton, Michelle Stidsen, Alex Weinhagen, Mike Bissonette, Chuck Reiss.

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

There were no changes to the agenda and no public comments.

Consider Approving BlackRock Water Source Development with the Town of Hinesburg

Erik Bailey, water works superintendent, said he is in favor of approving the Water Source Agreement with Black Rock Construction on condition of a satisfactory water test.

Andrea noted she still had questions on section 4 regarding the amount of wastewater allocation that is equal to the noted 36,000 gpd estimated yield of the well. Erik said the allocation would cover 171 three bedroom units for wastewater. Andrea said it could be commercial, congregate housing or some other use and Erik agreed. The water allocation does not guarantee they would get the 171 all at once. There was discussion on how to document the allocation for tracking purposes. Erik also noted there are holding fees that will be paid.

It was noted that the Town will need an easement for the property the well is situated on.

Ben Avery, of BlackRock, noted they will bring in the preliminary plat application, allocation request, dedication documents for the well and any related access easements all at the same time.

Tom moved to approve the Water Source Development Agreement with BlackRock Construction on satisfactory test results of the water reviewed by Erik Bailey. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Unified Planning Work Program Project Proposals For Consideration

Alex Weinhagen, Director of Planning and Zoning, reviewed several proposed possible projects with

the Board. The three main projects were.

- **Route 116 / Charlotte Road Signal Improvements.**

Cost estimate of \$12,000 with local match of \$2,400. This would be for engineering design work and construction cost estimate.

- **Route 116 / Mechanicsville Road Intersection Improvements.**

Cost estimate \$50,000 with local match of \$ 10,000. Consultant cost for a comprehensive assessment to install a crosswalk and look at wait times of vehicles to enter Route 116 from Mechanicsville Road.

- **Green Mountain Transit Bus Ridership Program**

As it is likely this would be considered to have regional significance no local match is required. Taking a look at who is riding the bus now and looking at ways to bring others into the system.

Andrea addressed the Route 116/Mechanicsville Road intersection. She said it comes up as the least functioning intersection but she has not heard a lot of complaints about the intersection. She said she feels if Hannaford's proposal was not in the picture we would not be addressing this but at the same time feels it is important for the Town to be in charge of the project.

Also discussed was design work for sidewalk drainage.

The Board will choose a project at their next meeting.

FY 19 Capital Budget and Department Budget Presentations

Agency Request Review Committee - Kathy Newton, chair of the ARRC, read the mission of the committee. They received two less requests this year. The increased amount requested by and awarded to the Hinesburg Resource Committee is due to expansion of more groups being served through that organization.

Conservation Commission - Mike Bissonette, chair of the CC, provided the Board with a list of CC action items in the Town Plan.

Andrea asked for information on the Natural Resources item. Mike said this is in regards to the effort to identify wildlife corridors and create mapping studies with those corridors. The funds are to hire a consultant and do mapping. Andrea suggested looking at what Charlotte has done in this area. Alex Weinhagen said the Town has a lot of resources mapped and this is to do a better job of mapping these corridors and to link them together. Andrea said she would support a consultant who is willing to work with local individuals utilizing their knowledge.

Phil asked about the money from VT Gas and Mike said they have no specific plans for those funds yet. Mike explained the \$500 for mowing is to rotate the areas mowed in Geprags Park to improve bird habitat to be done by Mark Labarr. The other mowed areas have been moved into the Town contract such as Ted's sliding hill, trails and edge of field at Geprags. The Board said the general mowing needs

to show up in the CC budget.

Phil asked about the request for support, he does not think other committees have this. Mike said he feels it would be valuable resource to help keep the committee on track. Merrily said members of the committee have done those jobs in the past and asked how Mike felt about this being an item for the future to help keep the budget request low.

Buildings and Facilities - Renae noted added this year is a line for maintenance on the solar trackers. During discussion of tree plantings and the Tree Warden budget the Board realized there was duplicate request of funds to trees and will the \$500 request from the CC budget for trees. Alex asked what is in the budget for restorative maintenance on the Town Hall building. Renae said she will try to get most of the work done in this fiscal year and much will be done by staff.

Lake Iroquois Recreation District - There was some confusion on the Town Allocation request amount and Renae will check with Jeff Davis on that. The Board discussed the question that has been raised before regarding sharing the cost of the road maintenance. Tom said the private homeowners who use the road are not Hinesburg residents.

Energy Committee - Chuck Reiss, chair of the EC reviewed request and plans for those funds. New this year is a request for locating preferred sites for renewable energy, this is moving toward the goal of 90% renewable by 2050. Chuck said this will give the Town an advantage to say we don't want renewables in certain areas. The funds are to work with a consultant and do some field checking. They will again hold a workshop series on energy efficiency.

Economic Development Committee - Will be level funded this year.

Town Administrator - The Board encouraged Renae to increase professional development amount to \$1,500. Capital transfer is for the stormwater.

Town Health Officer - Renae suggests to add a line to the Public Health budget for funding the Health Officer. The Board agreed to add \$1500 now for future discussion.

Select Board - Slight increase in professional services for engineering services and in attorney fees for anticipated legal issues.

Cemetery - Level funded. Andrea said she asked them to work on a capital plan and budget.

Town Administrator

Renae said the certificate of highway mileage will need to be approved by the Board. Name the connector road so it can be included.

The water leak that was found last week is now repaired.

Renae recognized the hard work of the Highway Department and other Town employees with the

frigid weather and storms.

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Tom was happy to announce there was an \$8,600 profit from the Bissonette Field fundraiser concert.

Phil thanked Aaron for keeping a list of activities of the Board for the year.

Tom asked about the Town Report. Andrea said she found a source to print it on newsprint type of paper. Renae said she has been working the company Andrea found, it appears they will be able to work with the Town.

Minutes

Tom moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2017 minutes as amended, second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Warrants

Aaron moved to approve the warrants, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Tom moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m., second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board