



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2018

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Attending the Meeting: Phil Pouech, Andrea Morgante, Tom Ayer, Merrily Lovell, Aaron Kimball, Renae Marshall and attached list.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

There were no changes to the agenda or public comment.

Unified Planning Work Program Project Proposals for Select Board Consideration

Alex Weinghagen, director of planning and zoning, was present to review previously discussed possible projects to select for application to the UPWP.

Andrea moved to select the Charlotte Road/Route 116 road signal improvements application for the UPWP with preliminary plans and construction cost estimate of \$12,000 and local match of \$2,400. And to submit an application for the Green Mountain Bus Transit ridership pilot program that we don't anticipate needing a math but as the lead municipality we would like to see this project done. Second by Merrily and approved with 5 yes votes.

FY19 Capital Budget and Department Budget Presentations

Conservation Commission - Michael Bissonette, chair, discussed proposed changes to the submitted budget. Natural Resources will be reduced to \$450. Funding for a support person has been removed. The Board suggested using funds from VT Gas for cutting the Warbler habitat and also use those funds to help with funding other items in the budget.

Andrea wanted clarification on the VT Gas funds and asked if that meant since a portion of those funds will go towards the CC budget that not all of the CC budget is supported by tax dollars. Phil agreed that is what the Board is intending.

Renae said VT Gas funding was specifically designated as \$1,000 for the Warbler habitat and \$3,000 for the CC to use as they feel appropriate. Renae said the \$3,000 is annually for 10 years but not sure about the \$1,000.

Highway - Mike Anthony, road foreman, discussed changes to the Highway budget. It was agreed to remove funding for the guardrails at Mechanicsville Rd / CVU Rd intersection. Other reductions included level funding for dust control, salt and sand.

Police - Frank Koss, Police Chief and Sergeant Caleb Casco discussed changes to the Police budget. Board members discussed with Frank and Caleb the new payroll proposal. Andrea asked what the percentage is across the board to get all the officers to what Caleb considers equality. Caleb said it is 5.8% to be spread out over all wages. After discussion on the proposed bump in pay for officers hired when the starting salary was lower it was agreed for this year to pay the differential (bump) to more closely align the salaries of officers. Discussed the question of a percentage payment for longevity with the Department. Caleb said this year it applies to only one officer. Andrea said she feels this is a policy decision and would like to keep consistency. The Board agreed to approve the request for longevity pay for this year and have Renae look at the policy for all Town employees. In discussing the guaranteed annual increase of 3% Frank pointed out the 3% they are asking is not set in stone as each year the Select Board will be reviewing the request and can change that percent if appropriate.

Lake Iroquois Association - Pat Suozzi was present to represent LIA. Tom said he is concerned that if the permit to apply herbicide for milfoil control is not granted and suction harvesting is done. He does not think that was the intention of the vote at Town Meeting last March. Pat said it is the intention of LIA if the permit is not granted to come back to the Town to discuss using a portion of the funds voted to do the suction harvesting in certain areas. The Board agreed to fund at the usual \$5,000 for general support of the Association.

Lake Iroquois Recreation District - Will be funded again at \$2,000. Renae will try again to get information on road maintenance.

Town Health Officer - The Board agreed to support the position with \$1,000 this year.

Buildings and Facilities had no changes made to the proposed budget.

Town Administrator - Capital transfer for stormwater reduced to \$2,500 and professional development increased to \$1,500.

Technology - Include the website operations proposal for the upgrade in capital transfers and reduce the amount to \$3,000.

Discussion on Motion by the Planning Commission Regarding Their Recommendation to Consider Interim Zoning

Alex reviewed the memo sent to the Board and how interim zoning would work. Alex suggested a brief discussion tonight and have more discussion at a meeting when people are aware of what is happening and based on that discussion decide if the Board wants to move forward and if they do engage the advice of an attorney and then warn a public hearing.

Jeff French, PC member, explained why the PC is looking to put in this interim zoning now as it related to the vision of the village district.

Aaron asked independent of Interim Zoning where the PC is in the process of any proposed changes in zoning. Jeff said this is a first part of a discussion on this. Aaron followed by asking if the need is so great the PC can't get a proposal out without the need for Interim Zoning. Alex said this is the beginning of discussion on design standards and if they pursue the normal process would not be a PC public hearing before May he added probably Select Board review by late summer.

Andrea feels it is an opportunity to use the 20,000 square foot as a standard to move forward in the commercial district.

Tom said a problem he has with interim zoning is in this case there is an applicant who has spent 7 years on a project and a landowner with his property basically sequestered by the project since then. Who knows what risk this puts the Town at? If he were the applicant he would not be happy. He feels the 20,000 sq. ft. is an arbitrary number, for example, would Lantman's have the ability to expand if the business called for it.

Phil asked Joe Iadanza of the PC for his opinion. Joe said in looking at the commercial district, village North East and village North West the Town has tried to encourage mixed use and multi-story. They need to work on better integration in the district. Zoning not by use but by look and feel.

Bill Marks responded to Tom's concern and disagrees, he says what has been delaying the process is a group of citizens and litigation and that will continue. If Interim Zoning is in place with the 20,000 sq. ft. space it will be a lot less controversial. If going to be done needs to be done as soon as possible.

Marie Gardner, PC member, said she voted against this as she is against Interim Zoning. She likes all the ideas discussed but feels until we get legal advice should not proceed.

Phil said his opinion is that the proposed 36,000 sq. ft. proposed is not appropriate. He does not want to see the Town get into legal issues, he has concern for the property owners and all they have gone through. He feels the Town needs to treat all parties in a fair and just way. Encourages as others have to get legal advice on the matter.

Andrea suggested to take the information we have and have Amanda Laferty of Stitzel, Page & Fletcher law firm, who is familiar with the case from past work, and ask her to draft something. Marie asked how you can ask for something to be drafted before you have advice on the matter.

Tom said based on the way the Board has chosen to deal with issues to do so this quickly goes against that. The idea should be put before the residents of the Town.

Phil asked to get legal advice on the document as written. Alex said at the next Select Board meeting they have scheduled the attorney from Stitzel, Page & Fletcher to meet with the Board about the strategy on the Hannaford court case related to the ACT 250 permit. It is possible Alex can ask for advice on both issues.

Town Administrator Report

Rena reported Healthy Habitat Cleaners have been chosen for cleaning services.

The Town report will be going to the new printer this year.

Village North sidewalk change in deed language was confusing to the property owner so Renae reached out and it appears to be back on track.

The Request for Proposal has been sent out for trash service at the Town garage site.

Next Select Board meeting the Board will finalize the capital budget, capital improvement plan and general fund budget. Finalize Town Meeting warning by the 29th and name the connector road.

Select Board Forum

Merrily reported on the Clean Water Action Committee meeting regarding the clean water funding the legislature will be addressing. The idea is that there will be a fee added to each parcel of land in VT to fund the clean-up and will be collected by municipalities. Charlie Baker of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission is going to contact the legislature regarding the vote on collection of fees. Andrea added that while all agree this should be a statewide approach the League of Cities and Towns said this would be a burden on towns and look like property taxes are being raised. In her conversation with Missy Ross, Town Treasurer, does not feel it would be a huge problem.

Andrea said the "Great VT Barn Dance" was held at Town Hall yesterday. This was a one-hour telecast of local music and entertainment.

Phil thanked Renae and Andrea for editing the Select Board report for the Town Report.

Tom said he attended the CVU girls' basketball Calcutta and was amazed that at least 75% of the prizes were from Hinesburg businesses. It is so nice to see the support from Hinesburg in a district wide organization.

Andrea followed up with the point that Hinesburg carries the burden of support from police and fire for CVU and not the district.

Minutes

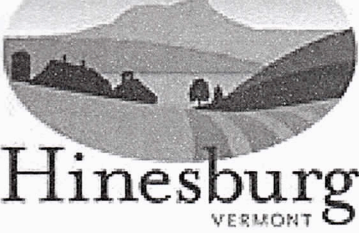
Aaron moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018 as amended, Andrea second and approved with 5 yes votes.

Warrants

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

Tom moved to adjourn at 10:44 p.m., second by Andrea and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board



Sign-in Sheet

January 15, 2018

1. FRANK KOSS

14. _____

2. CALEB CASCO

15. _____

3. Alex Weinhagen

16. _____

4. Michael Busselle

17. _____

5. Pat Swozy

18. _____

6. JEFF FRENCH

19. _____

7. Maggie Gordon

20. _____

8. Born Marks

21. _____

9. Doc Goudreau

22. _____

10. Barbara Yersua

23. _____

11. Maria Judson

24. _____

12. Joe Todanese

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