



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2018

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

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

Agenda Changes

Phil noted there may be an executive session as the last item on the agenda for union contract discussion.

Andrea asked to change the agenda item of introductions of new staff from the end of the meeting to the beginning. Renae introduced Joy Dubin Grossman as the new Assistant Town Administrator and also noted the new Highway employee Jon Titus.

There was no public comment.

Discussion Regarding July 4th Celebration and the 75th Anniversary of the Hinesburg Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary

Phil explained this item is on the agenda as it was brought to the attention of the Select Board last week that there was a proposal to change the July 4th celebration to June 30th. He is asking for clarification of what the plan is if there is a plan and this is not just an idea being considered.

Frank Twarog , Chair of the Recreation Committee, said it is not just an idea and goes back about two years when the Recreation Commission was approached about their opinions about moving the celebration of the 4th to the 30th to allow greater participation of other agencies and individuals related to members of first responders families and the thought that if put on Saturday would likely increase participation. He felt this would be the best appreciation he could extend to that organization and said it did not cross his mind that this would not be visited further and it would build momentum of others. Frank then explained the history of the celebration of the 4th and volunteerism that helped in the celebration.

Phil asked if the Library has been notified. Jen Mc Cuin, Recreation Director, said she spoke with Sara Donegan, the librarian several weeks ago and has contacted all businesses and organizations who participate in the celebration about the change.

Merrily asked if this was known about two years ago why it was not talked about earlier like maybe last July 4th. Jen said discussion is in the Rec Commission minutes and last July 4th was busy wrapping that up and did not think about it.

Rena shared information of other communities' celebration of the 4th and on what day they hold celebrations.

Phil asked if there is anyone else who needs to be told. Jen said they will be losing some activities. One of the big pieces is the Hilly Hobble run on the 3rd that will not happen, the Public House will be open for business not participating in the celebration as well as Good Times Café which supplied the power for Veterans Park activities.

Andrea asked about advertising the date change. Jen said nothing in addition to usual listings in local papers and Front Porch Forum.

Merrily asked if they have considered doing both, have something in a way of a finale on the 4th.

Val Spadaccini noted while totally supporting the Fire Department she is disappointed in the late notice of the change. Some families work on Saturday and will miss the celebration, people have made vacation plans around the date of July 4. Also disappointed that we were not allowed as a Town to give more input beforehand to come up with something that would have worked to allow both to happen.

Andrew Driver, president of the Fireman's Association, said the reason for the request is in order for the celebration of the 75th anniversary to be as big and important as they feel is deserved they want mutual aid departments to be a part of the festivities and that cannot be done on July 4th.

Tracy Aplin, owner of Good Times Café, said she is pro celebration and thinks the more a town comes together to celebrate the people of the Town and to celebrate our national history of independence and freedom makes a stronger town. Her biggest question is how the decision was made and how many people were involved in coming to consensus. Tracy said she asked Jen and Jen said that the Recreation Commission was contacted by the Fire Department and the RC is in charge of the festivities on the 4th. However, the RC has been in charge of providing and organizing festivities it has never before been asked to choose or alter the date and to her that is precedent. In looking at the list of towns who celebrate on different dates there is history there and it not a change in date so it is still a tradition they are following. She believes what is happening is a misunderstanding between the FD and RC, she thinks the FD should be really celebrated and the work done by FD is important essential work and they deserve a multi department parade of their own with a town wide concert and picnic in the park on a different date then we celebrate our national independence and freedom.

Dave Estey, member of the FD, said they did ask. They went to RC and asked and have already sent out save the dates notices and have been working on this as a committee for 6 months.

Tom said he feels there is still time to organize a stand-alone celebration for the FD but it seems the FD feels it would not be well attended if not combined with the 4th.

Diane Barber said that is not true of the feelings of the Department they went ahead knowing they had gone to the RC and got the ok and started the planning. The 75th anniversary is really big deal in VT.

Luke Charbonneau, caption of the FD, spoke about the importance of the mutual aid departments. He noted Shelburne recently celebrated their 75th anniversary and their plaque hangs in the Hinesburg Department as an appreciation of helping celebrate. And looking forward to giving them a Hinesburg plaque to hang in their department.

Al Barber noted Shelburne held their celebration in August in conjunction with a town wide celebration.

Andrea asked the members of the FD attending what is important to them for the celebration. To have mutual aid departments trucks in attendance and have the parade and have a celebration at the fire station. Al said they have different music acts attending. Andrea said to be clear is if there is energy to do two celebrations what is important to the FD and what activities would be on the 4th.

Merrily said she now remembers seeing a save the date but it did not mention it was replacing the July 4th celebration.

Aaron said if we had something on the 30th and the 4th it would bring back activities that would otherwise be lost.

Frank said recognizing the SB is not looking to make any decision tonight and in light of all the discussions he noted the RC will be meeting tomorrow night and he will raise a brainstorming of maintaining fireworks and the Hilly Hobble but it seems it is important for the FD celebration to include a parade. Possibility of changing the parade date and maintain the rest for the 4th.

Discussion of Legal Advice Regarding Interim Zoning

The Select Board has been given a request from the Planning Commission to consider Interim Zoning (IZ). Tom said what he heard was that it is not a good idea to get into Interim Zoning for several reasons. There is an applicant for the project, various criteria need to be met to implement IZ and he did not get the impression it is being met.

Aaron questioned if the objective of going into IZ would be accomplished, in terms of time line does not seem it will according to what they heard. The stormwater piece is an important issue.

Andrea noted the PC has been working on housekeeping, revising the Town Plan and the next item is developing design standards for the Village District to encourage multi use, higher density and pedestrian friendly village. The idea is to change the square footage for commercial districts to be in conformance with the other districts. Andrea feels the SB should encourage the PC to move forward with design standards that are going to accomplish the goals in the Town Plan for higher density and

mixed use throughout the Village. It was brought to light that the Hannaford lot 15 application would be considered under existing zoning regardless of what the Town did.

Johanna White said it is unknown what will happen with the latest application by Hannaford to the DRB and to be prepared to have the ability to see that piece of land as planned when put on the official map.

Gil Coates said he sees the purpose of the proposed Interim Zoning is to target Hannaford and makes no sense to him.

Bill Marks asked if the kind of applications that would be submitted for lot 15 would Interim Zoning, even if done tonight, impact those applications.

Phil said his concern is not wanting to get into any legal trouble. Interim Zoning has specific statutory requirements and does this meet those standards. The advice given is most likely will not stop the reapplication of Hannaford's.

Andrea said the legal advice was that the way the Supreme Court made the decision was that the application was coming back to the DRB for very specific issues in their site plan and the subdivision approval and it would be considered under the zoning of when it was first approved. She addressed the concern of traffic and stormwater and said the DRB needs to look carefully at those issues.

Bill said his concern also is stormwater and traffic, would the SB consider and also the PC and Conservation Commission writing a letter to the DRB at the appropriate time expressing these concerns.

Gil said in regards to the traffic light at Mechanicsville Road intersection, his impression from listening to the judge the decision was based on the fact that there was no objection.

Bob Theifels said the PC is at a point considering these issues in the commercial district, he was at the PC meeting when it was proposed to bring this to the SB. Part of that was that Hannaford was an issue but not the only issue. The point is to look at that commercial district and bring in line, he feels the SB could go along in supporting the PC in doing their job. If the majority of the SB that thinks lot 15 should not be developed in the way being proposed at this time they could vote for IZ and in doing that would be throwing their support behind these decisions that will be coming up not only in the courts but in the DRB.

Merrily asked if the Board votes for IZ it does not affect the Hannaford application. Phil said that is correct.

Tom said he feels IZ is reactionary and not planning.

Aaron said he is not sure that IZ would necessarily be supporting the PC, we can still support the PC and stormwater, traffic, design standards and bringing conformity to the districts without enacting IZ.

Phil supports the PC to look at design standards across the board to be consistent.

Andrea said support from the SB is to give the DRB the resources they need to have the information to make decisions and have professional resources to help evaluate impacts.

Andrea thanks the PC for forwarding their proposal to consider Interim Zoning but at this time upon legal advice and looking at the criteria for enacting interim zoning it does not seem appropriate.

Andrea moved to not move forward with Interim Zoning. Second by Tom.

Merrily added to let PC know that on discussing things with our lawyer it does not seem like IZ will get them the results they are hoping for. The SB encourages the PC to continue with revamping design standards for Commerce Park to be in line with the Town Plan.

Question and Answer Session Regarding Proposed FY 19 Budget

Renaë reviewed the budget memo highlighting budget items.

Consider Approving the 2018 Certificate of Highway Mileage

It was noted that Thistle Hill Road and Weed Raod still needs to be added.

Andrea move to accept the 2018 Certificate of Highway Mileage as presented. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Select Board Town Administrator Check-in

Select Board members said there is good communication from Renaë and sharing of information.

Renaë said the Board has worked together as a unit to make decisions and work through issues.

Town Administrator Report

Renaë asked about the mowing contract. The Board agreed to move forward with the Wahl contract and put it out to bid in the fall.

Select Board Forum

Tom said he heard back from CVU about maintenance to Lyman Park. They will take care of the softball field in spring and then do ditching in fall when the park dries out.

Aaron mentioned the annual town officers education meeting put on by the UVM extension service.

Phil, as a member of the United Church, was asked to speak about the community meal that is put on each month. The May 25th meal is being done by the PC and he wanted to know if the SB is interested in doing this with the PC.

Andrea announced the Hinesburg Town Forest was selected for participation in services that are being provided by a consultant to work on management issues. The survey is available to do on line.

Minutes

Aaron moved to approve the minutes of 1/29/18 as submitted, second by Merrily and approved with 5 yes votes.

Tom moved to accept the Town Meeting Minutes, second by Andrea. Merrily noted she was not a Board member yet for the meeting and questioned voting on the minutes or signing them. Motion voted and approved with 4 yes votes and Merrily abstaining.

Warrants

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

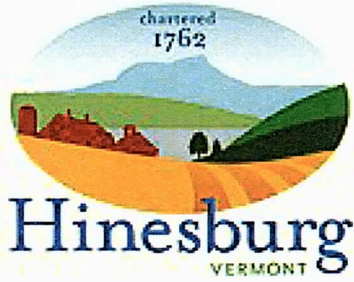
Executive Session

Aaron moved the Select Board to find that premature general public knowledge regarding the Union Contract would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage, because the Select Board risks disclosing its negotiation strategy if it discussed the proposed contract terms in public. Second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

Andrea moved that the Select Board enter executive session under provisions of 1 V.S.A. 313 (a)(1) including the Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Aaron moved to come out of executive session and adjourn, second by Andrea and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board



Selectboard Meeting Sign-in Sheet February 5, 2018

1. John Lyman

2. Al Baker

3. Ed Waite

4. Diane Barber

5. Lawrence

6. Andrew Drier

7. Frank Tway

8. Jan Melvin

9. Rudney Polman

10. Paul Eley

11. Hill Coates

12. Johann White

13. Ben Marks

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