



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2018

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

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

Executive Session

Tom moved to find that the premature disclosure would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage; second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

Tom moved to enter executive session to discuss litigation the Town is involved in including Joy Dubin Grossman, Assistant Town Administrator, Alex Weinghagen, Director of Planning and Zoning, and attorney David Rugh under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(a). Second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

Aaron moved the Board come out of executive session; second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Review proposed changes to Zoning Regulations submitted by the Planning Commission

Alex and the Board reviewed the changes as highlighted in his memo to the Board of March 30, 2018.

There was significant discussion on prohibition on drive-thru windows/service. Phil said he while he is not a big proponent of drive thru you could make an argument regarding disability act like at the pharmacy and is concerned with the new regulation limiting new businesses.

Merrily said she thought the thinking of the Commission is this would slow things down rather than making it easy to go to the bank window on the way to Lantman's but to get out of a car and interact with others.

Alex said it was to enhance the pedestrian traffic in the Village.

Tom said he has heard a lot of concerns on this change. He has been at stores that with proper design you would not know the drive thru was there. Some people suffer from difficulty getting around and depend on these services.

Aaron shares the same concerns about eliminating the option for reasons stated by Phil and Tom.

Mike Bissonette said it can be difficult if you have several small children in car seats to go inside to pick up a prescription or such. He asked Alex if the PC discussed the effect on commercial business growth in Town and Alex said they had not.

Andrea noted one can call ahead and have your item brought out to your car. She feels the ability to have the drive in takes up more space. To continue the prohibition on drive thru for restaurants.

Aaron said a home viewer emailed in noting the problem it could be for those with disabilities, PTSD, or an illness.

Phil moved to remove the new prohibition on drive-thru/windows service. Tom second. Phil, Tom and Aaron in favor. Merrily and Andrea opposed. Motion approved with 3 yes votes.

Jesse Paul, resident, was present to express his support for removing section 2.5.6 Contiguous Area noting how it negatively affects his property.

Mike B. brought up subdivision section 2.1 boundary adjustment survey requirement. Alex said the PC had quite a bit of discussion on this. Some felt it was an undue burden to add that cost to landowners doing a simple boundary adjustment.

Alex said he is not aware of any past problems caused from not having a survey. He did note that Marie Gardner, Town Assessor, supports this and feels it is easier when there are changes to deeds to have an actual survey.

It was the consensus of the Board to hold off on any action till they hear further from Marie.

Discuss Zoning Fee Waiver Request by United Church of Hinesburg Related to the Vestry Building

Phil recused himself as he has ties with the United Church and Aaron led discussion on this.

The Church owns the building and the Town holds a lease on it and has used it for storage in the past. Andrea said she would like to see from the Church what the basis is to take down the building. Aaron pointed out the action tonight is about waiving the fees and not if the building is to be demolished.

Phil reported for the Church that in the work done to verify the Church owns the building they were told it could potentially cost \$20,000 to research the owner of the land. The Church has contacted the Preservation Trust and Building Heritage Foundation. They looked at the building and gave the opinion the structure is not worth saving. There are some items that can be preserved.

Tom moved the Board waive the DRB conditional use fee of \$310.00 and zoning fee of \$35.00 for the United Church application. Second by Andrea and approved with 4 yes votes and Phil abstaining.

Discussion Regarding Lake Iroquois Association's Request for Funding Regarding Milfoil Mitigation Efforts

Chris Conant and Pat Suozzi member of the association were present to answer any questions.

Merrily moved that based on Article 10 at the March 7, 2017 Town Meeting of the Town of Hinesburg where the voters appropriated the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of funding milfoil mitigation and removal efforts in Lake Iroquois to be managed by the Lake Iroquois Association. It was approved and the voters therefore will be funding one year of the five-year effort led by the Lake Iroquois Association that we approve the request from LIA of the \$7,500 for milfoil mitigation being used for Benthic Mats, Suction Harvesting and the greeter program. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Discussion on Proposed Change to Select Board Meeting Night

The Board agreed to change the meeting night to Thursday night beginning June 7 thru September 6.

Updates from Various Chittenden County Regional Planning Commissions Boards and Committees

Mike B reported the two Hinesburg projects submitted and approved by the Unified Planning Work Program will go before the executive committee this week. The projects are the intersection by Lantman's and bus ridership.

The Environmental Community Opportunity Plan will have a second Public Hearing in May.

Merrily reported the Clean Water Advisory Committee has been talking about the Winooski tactical basin plan of which Hinesburg is only on the edge so not involved. Also discussion around how roads contribute to stormwater. The Environment Protection Agency report shows VT is meeting 90% of the water quality milestones.

Town Administrator Report

Joy reported there will be a safety meeting tomorrow. Vermont League of Cities and Towns toured Town Hall Building and potential issues they found will be addressed at the safety meeting.

The new well at the Town Garage site has been dug but water not yet tested.

Gilman Road Health Order is proceeding with necessary steps. Asbestos testing will be done and working on find some options for other residence for the occupant.

The Rec Path north from Commerce Street to NRG has gone out to bid.

Select Board Forum

Phil noted the inventory and assessment report by the Town Forest Committee is completed and they will want to meet with the Board to go over the report.

Tom reported the Calcutta fundraiser was a success and brought in \$6,000. The afternoon of Mother's Day at 2 p.m. there will be dedication ceremony for Millie's Field with a soccer game to follow.

Merrily attended the Town Officers Education Conference and reported on some of the workshops.

Minutes

Aaron moved to approve the minutes as amended; second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Warrants

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

Andrea moved to adjourn, second by Tom. Motion tabled.

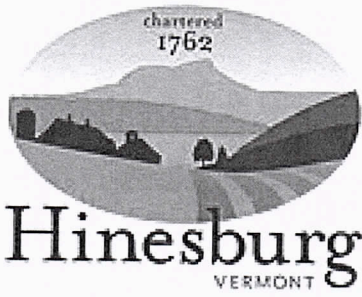
Certificate of Compliance for Town Roads and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory

Joy advised Highway Forman, Mike Anthony, reviewed and found no issues.

Tom moved to authorize the Town Administrator and or Town Administrator Assistant to sign the Certificate of Compliance. Second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

Motion to adjourn voted and approved with 5 yes votes at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board



Selectboard Meeting Sign-in Sheet April 16, 2018

1. BRIANA CONNELL

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2. JEAN THOMPSON

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3. Jesse Paul

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4. CHRIS CONANT

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