

TOWN OF HINESBURG VT

SELECTBOARD MEETING

DRAFT - May 7, 2018

Attending the meeting; Phil Pouech, Aaron Kimball, Merrily Lovell, Andrea Morgante, Joy Dubin Grossman, Assistant Town Administrator and attached list.

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

Phil advised Tom Ayer was not able to attend the meeting but spoke with Phil regarding the agenda, he did give Phil his opinion regarding the subdivision regulations that will be discussed later in the meeting.

There were no changes to the agenda. Phil noted the Board will likely go into executive session at the end of the meeting.

Inventory and assessment of the Hinesburg Town Forest

Pat Mainer, chair of the Town Forest Committee, reviewed the draft Inventory and Assessment of the Town Forest. Pat explained this is a Forestry Management Plan to be an addendum to the 2012 Management Plan but specifically addressing management of the forest and has recommendations for the next 10 years for harvesting projects.

Merrily asked about the need for a survey for the questionable boundary line. Pat said that is on the "to do" list and they need funds for this.

Phil asked about conflicts between forestry and recreation and if there is anything the Board should be aware of.

Pat said the strategy of the Committee is to have public outreach and education on why the harvesting is a good thing.

The Board will vote on approval of this at their next meeting.

Acknowledgement of volunteer

Andrea acknowledged the work done by Marcela Lesan, CVU exchange student, in organizing the installation of two benches along the rec path.

Marcela explained she is part of a program known as FLEX, (Future Leaders Exchange). A part of the program requires community service and she wanted to do something for the community which has made her welcome.

The Board thanked her for the contribution.

Fee waiver request by Usher / Nalette

Alex Weinghagen, Director of Planning and Zoning, explained the circumstances for the request to waive the fee.

Andrea moved that the fee for zoning permit 2018-32 be waived pursuant to the request by the landowner, and as outlined in the recommendation by the Director of Planning and Zoning dated April 30, 2018. Second by Merrily and approved with 4 yes votes.

Bike/ Ped grant application for village sidewalk project

Alex reviewed the history of the sidewalk project grant applied for two years ago. The projected cost was originally \$150,000 and now indications are it will cost \$250,000. Alex is looking for approval to apply for a grant for the additional funds.

Andrea said if this project is a part of the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) and in the program when cost over runs come in they cover them. Alex will check on that.

The Board supports amending or seeking additional funds to match the actual estimated cost if not covered by the TIP.

Discuss Subdivision Regulation Revision Proposal Section 2.1 Boundary Adjustment with Assessor

Marie Gardner, Hinesburg Assessor, gave her reasoning for asking for this language in the regulations. She said it is difficult for her office and time consuming for tax mapping.

She said she has spoken with several surveyors and to do just the one line is not that expensive, Marie explained the survey would be required only for the one boundary line not the entire property. If there is a survey with a deed it memorializes that line.

Phil asked how many times a year do we have these boundary adjustments? Marie said not a lot, one or two a year and often none in a year.

Phil said Tom contacted him on this and said he was unsure but after talking with Marie said he would go with the majority of the Board.

Mike B said his point is that with modern technology it can easily be done by the landowner avoiding increased costs.

The Board agreed to keep the change as proposed. Andrea noted people will have the opportunity during the Public Hearing to express their opinion.

Update on Wastewater Discharge Permit and Implications to Hinesburg

Erik Bailey, Water Works Dept. Superintendent, and Wayne Elliot consulting engineer with Elliot and Aldrich discussed the ww discharge permit new levels that will be required. This is being challenged by the CLF (Conservation Law Foundation). Erik said the permit was signed on 1/26/18 and is effective 3/1/18.

Wayne explained the new limits are not effective till the facility upgrade is completed which needs to be done by 2022. The CLF has appealed 9 permits on the lower phosphorous limits, they feel they should be lower.

Wayne touched on funding available.

Phil suggested a committee to take this on. Andrea said the first thing to do is get the RFQ. Alex agreed and also get a consultant on board and a plan for payment. Phil said he would represent the Selectboard.

Water Infrastructure Update and Next Steps

Erik was happy to report that water use is at the lowest in 5 to 6 years thanks to finding and repairing some major leaks in the system. Erik addressed the need for good mapping and inventory. There is a mapping / data software system he is interested in and has found possible funding sources through VT Agency of Natural Resources.

Phil asked about the well drilled by BlackRock and testing results. Erik said testing came back good, they have permitting left to do.

In addressing more water there was more discussion on the wastewater situation and Erik noted in February there was a violation. Phil said the Selectboard needs to be notified if there is a violation.

Request to Upgrade Lift for Town Highway Garage

Mike Anthony, Road Foreman, is asking for a change in the lift to purchase for use at the Town Garage. The lift he recommends is a moveable one. Andrea suggested checking with the insurance about the possible liability issue with this type of lift. Phil said he wants to be sure the funds are available.

Town Administrator Report

Joy reports the asphalt by the old police station building needs to be removed. Mike Anthony told her he can do that.

School Resource Officer for CVU. Joy said the school board agrees for the need for this. There is a meeting on May 15 to discuss this further. Board members still are not comfortable with Hinesburg providing the officer.

Asbestos inspection on property on Gilman Rd found the presence of asbestos. There will need to be an inspector on site for the demolition.

Selectboard

Phil reported Green Up Day was a success.

Andrea asked if there is a plan to sweep the Town sidewalks. Joy said there is.

Minutes

Andrea moved to approve the minutes of 4/16/18 as amended, second by Aaron and approved with 4 yes votes.

Aaron moved to approve the Town Meeting Minutes of March 2018 as amended, second by Merrily and approved with 4 yes votes.

Warrants

Andrea moved to approve the warrants, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer. Second by Aaron and approved with 4 yes votes.

Executive Session

Andrea moved to find that the premature disclosure would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage, second by Aaron and approved with 4 yes votes.

Andrea moved that the Selectboard enter Executive Session including Joy Dubin Grossman to review bids on work associated with Gilman Rd site cleanup and asbestos removal under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(a)(2)&(a)(3). Second by Aaron and approved with 4 yes votes.

Andrea moved to come out of executive session, second by Aaron and approved with 4 yes votes.

Andrea made a motion to award Gary Clark, Clark Excavating, the contract for demolition work at Sheridan Lane's Property on Gilman Road contingent upon a reference check to include Clark Excavation's prior experience working with a company that works with asbestos contaminated material. Second by Aaron and approved with 4 yes votes.

Andrea moved to adjourn at 10:15, second by Aaron and approved with 4 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board