



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – January 28, 2019

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Attending the Meeting: Phil Pouech, Aaron Kimball, Merrily Lovell, Tom Ayer, Andrea Morgante, Renae Marshall, Joy Dubin Grossman, Chuck Reiss, Tom Murray, and Madeline Hughes.

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

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

Consider Finalizing FY 20 General Fund Budget and FY 20 Capital Transfer Summary

The Board reviewed the overall budget including changes made at the last meeting. Andrea asked where the funds for the proposed light at the Charlotte Road/Route 116 intersection shows up in the budget. Phil said it is not in the budget spreadsheet packet but in the warning about the project the \$50,000 cost is noted. Also noted is that it is included in the total general fund expenditures. Renae added the public is invited to come to the Boards February meetings where residents can get their questions on the budget answered prior to Town Meeting. There was discussion if it should be added to the spreadsheet and agreement not to include it.

Merrily asked about the discussion regarding the Board writing a warning for the Richmond Road sidewalk. Phil said it was in the minutes but he did not write it as an action item for himself. Andrea said there is no money being put towards it. Merrily said she thought it was to be a warned item to make people aware that this is something we are working for in the future. Phil said he addresses it in the Select Board Report.

Andrea moved to approve the FY 20 Town Meeting Warning. Second by Merrily. Andrea withdrew her motion as the proposed Energy Resolution had not yet been discussed.

Request to Consider Including the Energy Resolution on Town Meeting Warning

Chuck Reiss, member of the Energy Committee, said the goal of the resolution is to transfer away from use of fossil fuel given the Town's intent of 90% renewable energy sources by 2050.

There was discussion about distribution lines and transmission lines. How this resolution would affect affordability of new homes was raised, Chuck said it would force people to look at alternatives. Andrea added we need to be concerned with how these homes are being constructed regarding weatherization and efficiency. Phil said this is not a regulation but stating as a Town this is what we desire. Tom feels incentives are a better method than limiting options.

Andrea moved to include the Hinesburg Town Energy Resolution as amended in the Town Warning as article 10. Second by Merrily.

Tom Murray, of VT Gas, said they have been in Hinesburg since 2009 and have about 400 customers. He passed out a chart showing conversion to natural gas from oil in regards to reduced carbon emissions and savings for the customer. He also touched on grants available to customers for energy efficiency. He addressed renewable natural gas.

Chuck said Tom came to the July 17 Energy Committee meeting and their responses to his points can be read in the minutes of the meeting.

Motion voted and failed with Andrea voting in favor; Phil, Aaron, Tom and Merrily voting no.

Andrea moved to have Phil, Select Board Chair, work with the Energy Committee to draft a resolution that can be presented under other business to be submitted by the Energy Committee and voted on at Town Meeting, 2019. Phil changed the motion to say he would be glad to come up with an agreement for the Energy Committee to vote on, and if in agreement move it forward under other business. Second by Phil. Chuck requested to have the Town lawyer review the resolution. Tom said this is not how he would go about it and feels there is not enough time to get information to the voters. Motion voted and approved with 4 yes votes and Tom opposed.

Town Warning Approval

Tom moved to approve the Town Warning as presented with the correction of the date to 2019. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Request to Approve Delinquent Tax Report

Phil moved to approve the Delinquent Tax Report from the Town Clerk with the correction of the date from November 2017 to November 2018. Second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

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Andrea reminded us of the upcoming Winter Carnival Event by the Conservation Commission on February 10 at Geprag Park.

Phil said he and Renae went over the Town Administrator review including goals for next year.

Andrea suggests an item for the February 4 Board meeting is a public agenda item regarding lot 15. She would like to have at least some of the recommendations that came from the lot 15 Committee so the Board can discuss it as a group.

Phil reported there has been no word on the motion to stay. Phil suggests if the motion to stay is rejected he would like to have a discussion about what our options are and have the Board make a decision one way or the other.

Town Administrator Report

Renae reports the wastewater planning group will meet on February 1st and look at the options submitted.

The Tool Cat has been repaired.

There was a meeting for the department heads at which they reviewed the budgets.

Renae will be meeting with a service provide for back up coverage in the water and wastewater department.

Joy has been working with Vermont Rural Water on our source protection plan.

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Aaron noted Chief Barber forwarded a letter to the Town Administrator from St. Mike's Rescue

announcing the end of ambulance services to Hinesburg on June 30, 2020. Aaron said this now sets a date and we need to start a public process to look at options.

Phil asked Aaron for an update on the Police Chief search. Aaron said he and Merrily will be ready to put some names forward to the Board at the next meeting.

Review Minutes from January 14, 2019 and January 21, 2019

Tom moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2019 as amended, second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Tom moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2019 as amended, second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Consider Approving Warrants

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

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, Clerk of the Board