



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2019

- Draft -

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

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

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

Phil announced the Town hired a new Police Chief and thanked the committee, under Renae's leadership, for their work and time put into the hiring process.

Presentation of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) by Katie Charbonneau

Katie spoke about her ordeal last October when she went into cardiac arrest in her sleep. That incident encouraged her to ask the Fire Department hold CPR trainings. From these trainings and other fund raising events two AED units were purchased. One will be placed at Town Hall and the other at the Library.

Consider Forming Ambulance Committee

Phil noted this topic started several months ago when St. Mike's announced after 50 years they would no longer be able to cover Hinesburg. The committee will look at what the Town options might be, short term and long term, and make a recommendation to the Board.

Merrily moved to form a committee consisting of 10 individuals; Andrew Dennison, Dawn Francis, Dee Barbic, Kathlyn Furr, Paul Lamberson, Roger Giroux, Al Barber, David Epstein, Merrily Lovell, and Aaron Kimball, to explore ambulance options for Hinesburg. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Discuss Petition Received for Speed Limit Reductions on VT Route 116, South of the Village

Phil said that area of VT Route 116 has been discussed as an area of concern and the Town made an official request to extend the lower speed limit coming from the Village. Renae said the State did extend the 30 mph further south but did not change the 40 to 50 mph transition.

John Ferrara spoke about drivers passing vehicles that are slowing to make the turn off Route 116 and about the accident he was involved in late in May.

Aaron asked if there are high profile accident areas the State identifies and if we can put this area on that list. Al Barber said it goes through AOT, he noted several years ago changes were to be made to the 2A/Rte116 intersection but nothing has been done.

Phil advised since the Town does not own the road we are limited in what we can do. The Board has in the past discussed the idea of taking over a portion of Route 116. Phil talked about the fact that the Town is then responsible for all the traffic controls and maintenance of the road.

Jo White suggested a sign noting entering the Village. The Board said there is a sign in place. Kristie McLeod asked about a “do not pass” sign. Phil said the Board can talk with the Police Chief and Bill Lippert about this issue.

Frank Twarog suggested a 4-way intersection. He said he will survey Towns that have taken over State roads to find out if they are happy to have done that or do they regret it and why.

Town Forest Logging Presentation by Ethan Tapper

Ethan said they have one winter of harvesting completed and one winter anticipated with the same contractor. He was happy to report that the events offered were very well attended.

Ethan talked about the value of these local renewable resources and the benefit to the local economy. The logger is from Hinesburg, trucker from Huntington, all the softwood timber is staying the county, the spruce went to the local Hinesburg sawmill, the pine logs to a sawmill in Essex, most of the firewood sold locally and hardwood logs to Addison County.

Review Easement Language from BlackRock Construction

Phil said now that we have an agreeable document and the Board will act on this at their next meeting allowing for time for any input.

Ben Avery, of BlackRock, asked if the allocation will follow the agreement. Phil said when the well is turned on BlackRock would receive their agreed to allocation.

Eric said the State gave the Town the ability to proceed with draw down testing.

Tom asked about the quality testing and Eric said the water quality is good.

Review and Discuss Draft FY20 Water/Wastewater Budget and Proposed Rates

Reviewed by the Board and Eric. Phil suggested for Eric to look at capital improvements that should be done.

- **Action Item** - Phil asked Eric to list the steps needed for the new well, and cost estimates as well additional capital that might be included to prepare for a bond vote.

Consider Approving FY 19 Audit Engagement Letter with Fothergill, Segale & Valley

Tom moved to approve the FY19 Audit Engagement Letter with Fothergill, Segale & Valley. Second by Merrily and approved with 5 yes votes.

Discuss FY 20 Staff Pay Increases

Phil noted for budget purposes the Board provided a 3% increase.

Renae mentioned in the past this has been a straight across the board percentage for all staff employees. Renae suggested in the future to link any increase to the performance evaluation.

Tom moved to approve a 3% staff pay increase as budgeted, second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Review and Discuss FY 19 Budget Status Report

Items that increased were as expected and overall the numbers are looking good to date.

Consider Granting VTrans Easement Rights for Intersection Improvement on Shelburne Falls Road

Tom moved to approve the Easement for intersection improvements with AOT for Shelburne Falls Road, second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Discuss Summer Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18. July will be on the 11th and 18th. August on the 1st and 15th. In September will be back to Wednesdays on the 4th and 18th.

Town Administrator Report

Renae announced the hiring of the new Police Chief, Anthony Cambridge, and the Board discussed ideas for a swearing in ceremony.

Village North sidewalk delay due to weather.

Wastewater committee met last week. Aldrich & Elliott are laying out the timelines for each alternative. Discussed were the type of drains which may change the timeline.

Mike Bissonette mentioned to Renae a resident is requesting a “horse and buggy” sign on Silver Street. The Board shared their thoughts on this. Phil suggested the Board come up with a proposal if resident willing to pay for the sign.

Fire Extinguisher and AED training for staff to be held tomorrow.

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Aaron wanted to publically thank Renae for her leading the committee for hiring the Police Chief.

Jeff announced a “pop up park” event to be held on lot 1 on August 3rd from 4 to 7 p.m.

Tom said the HBPA will be holding their golf tournament this coming weekend.

Review Minutes from June 5, 2019

Aaron moved to approve the minutes from June 5, 2019 as amended, second by Tom and approved with 4 yes votes and Jeff abstaining.

Consider Approving Warrants

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

Tom moved to adjourn at 9:16 p.m., second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, Clerk of the Board

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Sign-in Sheet

June 5, 2019

1. Scotter MacMillan

14. Pat Frazier

2. Johanna L. Little

15. Greg M. Rios

3. Katie Charbonneau

16. Jim Frazier

4. Cotton: Bowen Charbonneau

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5. Connor Cortois

18. _____

6. Lucas Charbonneau

19. _____

7. Diane Barber

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8. Kristy McLeod

21. _____

9. Ben Avery

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10. Frank Twiss

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11. Jher Audrey

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12. John Jensen

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13. Kitty Frazier

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27. Chuck Rezz

37. _____

28. Kathy Ferrara

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29. Pat Mainer

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30. Erik Bailey

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31. ETHAN TATTER

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32. Danna Johnson.

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33. Al Beck

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