



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2019

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

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

There were no changes to the agenda.

Public Comment

Peter Erb commented on the statement made by Chittenden Solid Waste District regarding the drop off site they will be constructing in Hinesburg no longer having a bin to discard of metal. CSWD referred to the fact that there is a metal salvage operation in Hinesburg. Phil said he will contact the Town representative, Lynn Gardner, for more information and to see if we can still have a metal container at the drop off site.

Consider Lyman Park Condo Request for Funds for Culvert Replacement

Phil said he spoke with Mike Anthony who had no problem with the project. He could order the culverts if the Board approves and said they would cost between \$200 to \$400. Mike will supervise the installation of the culverts if his time allows. Phil suggest the engineer notify Mike when the culvert work is done.

Merrily said she spoke with Andrea Morgante about the project and Andrea requests the path be improved and made more accessible and remove the sign in the parking area that notes private parking. Phil said those are additional requests outside of addressing the drainage work and culvert replacement.

Tom moved to approve the purchase by the Town for the culverts for the Lyman Park Condo Association repairs or upgrades contingent upon the recommendations of the Select Board at the July 11, 2019 meeting. Second by Merrily and approved with 5 yes votes. Phil will notify the condo association of the decision and to be sure they have contacted the school district.

Consider Approving Town Road and Bridge Standards

Phil said Mike reviewed and had no concerns with the changes made.

Tom moved that the Town of Hinesburg adopt the Town and Road Bridge Standards that apply to construction, repair and maintenance of Town roads and bridges dated June 5, 2019. Second by Merrily and approved with 5 yes votes.

Consider Approving Annual Allocation Pool Designation

The Board reviewed proposed numbers with Erik at the last meeting and had some questions regarding the reduction in pumping hours. Erik said in speaking with Cindy Sprague again and showing her the permit and historical numbers she agreed Erik's original numbers were well within the daily yield regardless of the hours noted for pumping.

The Board reviewed the new recommendations for allocation which included a 3% reserve. Discussed was the fact that with the reserve we having no available water to allocate in category 3. Further discussed was if the reserve is actually needed.

Jeff said his concern is that the Town has a possible well coming on line but the current two wells are low. Phil and Erik responded the current well is not low and if we were never going to allow any more development we would not need an additional well. Jeff said he is looking at this from the point of the water/wastewater committee and that you don't just hand out water as requested. Phil said there is a new allocation policy being worked on that will include a system to rank requests for water and it will be allocated accordingly. Erik has the authority to approve smaller requests.

Aaron moved to set appendix E of the annual allocation pool designations for water with a reserve at 0%. category 1 at 5,000 total GPD / category 2 at 5,000 total GPD and category at 1,891 total GPD for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Second by Tom. Motion voted with Phil, Aaron, Merrily and Tom in favor, Jeff opposed. Motion approved.

Wastewater Allocation – Tom moved to approve the wastewater allocation appendix E as shown in draft dated 7/18/19, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Discussion about Security in Town Parking Lots

Phil said after the postings and news articles regarding the murder that occurred off Gilman Road at the trail head parking area he discussed the incident and news articles with Chief Cambridge. Chief Cambridge will look at data to see if there is any history of problems in the trail parking lots. He noted to Phil that as the officers drive by those areas they do check the lots.

Lenore Budd, chair of the Trails Committee, said though this is a terrible occurrence we need more information before choosing a solution. The committee certainly wants safety to trail users and the neighbors so first we need to know if there is a problem.

Jane Sheldon, trails committee member, talked about a situation she witnessed at Geprag parking lot. She was concerned for her safety and went to Chief Koss who sent police to check it out but the parties were gone by then. She said the point is that it is not just at night that things happen so closing the parking at night is not a solution.

George Dameron, trails committee member, said to keep in mind that the parking lots are one of many

public access areas and difficult to single out one or two. He understands the concern of Craig Chevrier, homeowner next to the parking area. George also addressed target practice. Phil said that Chief Cambridge did mention that complaints of gun fire happen frequently.

Bret Golan, trails committee member, said regardless of whether the landowner's statements of the Towns response are correct or not we need to show concern and not seem indifferent.

Aaron said he appreciates the conversation and input but we don't yet know what happened, this is a State Police case so to jump to the conclusion this was a drug deal does not help the situation. The Town does need to figure out the questions regarding property lines brought up by Craig.

Merrily asked if the Trails Committee is responsible for the parking area. Merrily said she spoke with Andrea Morgante who said Craig's comments about the boundary are correct and suggests a new survey be done. Lenore said it was a Hinesburg Land Trust project to build the parking lot. Phil said this a Town responsibility to check out the property lines and take appropriate action.

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Aaron said he and Tom attended the Fire Department award ceremony for the First Responder of the Year award and it was a nice celebration. This is the second time Hinesburg has received this recognition.

Merrily asked about the status of the ambulance committee and who is in charge of finding a consultant. Aaron said he and Merrily are, and he will touch base with her.

Jeff reminded us of the pop up park event on August 3rd.

Phil reported the wastewater committee is narrowing down the design choice, the next step is to have Wayne meet with the Board to explain the process of why the design was chosen and report on possible funding options available.

Review Minutes of July 11, 2019

Aaron moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Merrily and approved with 4 yes votes, Jeff abstaining.

Consider Approving the 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 8:30 p.m., second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, Clerk of the Board