



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2019

- Draft -

Attending the Meeting: Phil Pouech, Aaron Kimball at 7:19 p.m., Merrily Lovell, Tom Ayer, Jeff French, Renae Marshall, Joy Dubin Grossman, and the attached list.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Consider a Motion to Enter Executive Session Under the Provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(a)

Phil moved that executive session is appropriate as public discussion or disclosure about the hiring for the Police Department would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Second by Tom and approved with 4 yes votes.

Phil moved to go into executive session under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(a) including Renae, Joy and Police Chief Cambridge. Second by Tom and approved with 4 yes votes.

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

Additions/ Deletions/ Changes to the Agenda

Renae said there are two additional items. Creekside request for road closure and a First Class Liquor License.

There was no public comment.

Board/Committee/Commission Applicant Interviews

Josh Leckey was present to apply for the Energy Committee. Josh has lived in Town for five years and is looking to get involved in the Community. He is an energy attorney and follows the regulatory and legislative issues closely and feels he can bring that knowledge to the committee to help them fulfill their goals.

Phil moved to appoint Josh Leckey to the Energy Committee for a three-year term that expires on 1/01/23. Second by Tom and approved with 4 yes votes.

Consider Request from Hinesburg Community Resource Center for Budget Consideration

Rachael Kring and Ginny Roberts of the HCRC were present to discuss the work of the HCRC. They are looking for a sustainable way to work with the Town to continue to offer services. Their current budget is around \$97,000. The Twice is Nice store is working well and is profitable. They have lost the Building Bright Futures Grant funding. Discussed was separating their request from the Agency Funding Requests where they have been included before due to the limited amount that can be requested for funding. They are requesting Town support of \$25,000.

Tom asked if HCRC refers people in need to other agencies for help for example with job search needs. Rachael said many families they work with are employed but live paycheck to pay check and need additional help.

It was agreed to make this a separate budget item and advise the Agency Request Committee to adjust their budget accordingly.

Zoning Fee Waiver Request – Keinath

Alex Weinhagen, Director of Planning and Zoning, was present to explain the request. Alex is recommending to waive the after the fact fee for the zoning permit. Mr. Keinath is in the process of making the application for the permit for the covered porch. There was confusion regarding the original permit, the homeowner thought the covered porch was included in that permit.

Merrily moved to grant Mr. Keinath’s request for a reduction in his zoning fees per Alex Weinhagen’s memo dated September 12, 2019, to be reduced from approximately \$300 to approximately \$200. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Update on Beecher Brook Floodplain Restoration Project

Andrea was present on behalf of the Lewis Creek Association who worked with the Town and Department of Environmental Conservation. The goal of the project was to slow the flow and amount of sediment moving downstream and restore the floodplain. Funding came from the State and the total cost was a little over \$400,000.00. The Town’s match was the planning work to build the new garage out of the floodplain area.

Review Draft Winter Sidewalk Maintenance Policy

Joy went over the changes that were made to the original draft after discussion with the VLCT attorney.

It was suggested to talk with residents of Creekside and Thistle Hill developments regarding the challenges with clearing those problem areas. Tom will take the map and highlight the problem areas and will attend the meeting to discuss this.

FY20 Budget Status Report – Through End of September

Health Care costs as suspected is looking at this time to be higher. Renae also noted as of January 1st premiums will be increasing.

Consider Approving Liquor License

Tom moved to convene as the Local Liquor Control Board, second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Tom moved to approve the first class liquor license for TC Hospitality dba Good Times Café. Second by Merrily and approved with 5 yes votes.

Aaron moved to adjourn as the Local Liquor Control Board, second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Creekside Request for Road Closure

Dan Jacobs, of Creekside, sent a request to the Board to close the two road entrances to the development for Halloween from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tom moved to approve Creekside's request to close the road from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Halloween night. Second by Merrily and approved with 5 yes votes.

Town Administrator Report

- Renae is continuing to gather information on ambulance service options.
- The budget process has begun.
- Village North sidewalk work is continuing.
- Renae is exploring health insurance options and prices.
- Renae met with the representative of the Addison County Economic Development Corporation and then also met with a member of the Revolving Loan Fund Committee to get the final documents prepared to forward to the attorney.
- Finishing up the paving around Town.
- Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission FY 19 Annual Report Presentation

- Charlie Baker, CCRPC executive director, and Mike Bissonette, Hinesburg representative on the CCRPC Board, presented the FY 19 annual report. Charlie noted the projects CCRPC helped Hinesburg with in FY19.

Select Board Forum / Correspondence

Tom mentioned that some pumpkins that had been brought to the Bissonette field are now smashed. He said to be sure to take down and removed anything you might bring to the fields.

Merrily said she sent the letter to the Ambulance Exploratory Committee about the conclusion of their work.

Phil reminded all of the Chicken Pie Supper sponsored by the United Church on October 26th.

Renae mentioned the correspondence from the Planning Commission recommending an update to the village stormwater studies. Alex noted he will likely include funding for this in the Planning FY 20/21 budget. Also update on the Richmond Road intersection scoping study. A committee has been developed and looking for a Select Board member to part of that. Jeff said he is interested.

Tom also questioned the speed limit on Richmond Road entering Hinesburg from Richmond. It drops from 45mph in Richmond down to 35mph in Hinesburg and then back up to 40mph at Triple L Trailer Park. He said it does not seem to make sense to have such a low limit on that section of road.

Review Minutes from October 7, 2019

Aaron moved to approve the minutes from October 7, 2019 as amended. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

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 9:02 p.m., second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, Clerk of the Board



Selectboard Meeting Sign-in Sheet October 16, 2019

1. Scott MacMillan

14. _____

2. Josh Leckey

15. _____

3. Ginny Roberts

16. _____

4. Rachel King

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5. Alex Weinhagen

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6. Macl Bissouette

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7. CHARLIE BAKER

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