



## Select Board

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### Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2020

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**Attending the Meeting:** Phil Pouech, Jeff French, Mike Loner, Jeff Tobrocke, Renae Marshall, Joy Dubin Grossman, Andrea Morgante, Tom Giroux, Jennifer McCuin, Melissa, Steve Gladstone, Levy Rachel Handler, Dave Kaminsky, Pat Suozzi, Jeff Davis, Misha Cetnor, Fran, David Horn, Marion Mumford, Ernie Brossey, Nancy, Melinda Petter, Jamie Carroll, James Bruce, Tom Moody, Kathleen Bruce, Shannon Kelly, Meg Handler, Scooter MacMillan

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

Phil shared that Merrily is unable to attend the meeting but has let Phil and Renae know her thoughts on agenda items.

#### **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda and Public Comment**

The Board received correspondence regarding possible conflict of interest concerning Jeff Tobrocke. Phil said Merrily stated she felt there was a potential conflict of interest. Phil does not think it is a conflict. Jeff F said as there is no financial gain, he does not feel there is a conflict. Mike agreed with that statement and pointed out the Board is not being asked to vote on anything concerning the issue. Jeff T read a statement concerning the question of conflict.

Tom Giroux is looking for guidance regarding the 4th of July activities. Phil said he is not sure the State has said anything regarding this and asked about the opinion of others on the Recreation Committee. Tom said two have said they want to cancel. He agrees with cancelling the fireworks but feels it may be possible with restrictions to have a parade.

Jeff F said he does not feel we should have a parade now, maybe we can have a Veteran's Day parade. Mike would like if we were able to wait to make a decision. He is concerned that with other towns cancelling parades more people will then come to Hinesburg. It seems appropriate at this time to cancel. Jeff T agrees with both Mike and Jeff F, perhaps we can postpone as opposed to cancel. Phil agrees the best is to postpone to a future celebration.

Jen McCuin, Recreation Director, said the committee has not met yet. She spoke with North Star Fireworks who has a deadline of June 5th for a decision to be made. She was able to clarify with them that we have the ability to move the date to later in the year or put it off till next year.

It was agreed to cancel the 4th of July parade.

### **Updates on COVID 19 Response Efforts**

Renae spoke with AI today, there are no new updates. They are working on safety plans for bringing people back into Town Hall.

### **Review Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant Applications for COVID 19 Relief for Business**

Melissa Levy and Steve Gladstone of the RLF Committee reported they have 10 grants to award in round one. The criteria for awarding and the amount awarded were reviewed.

They will be doing round two for businesses that missed the first deadline. Steve said the funds in round one were aimed at loss of business in March and April, round two is expected to be businesses that either missed the first deadline or are just now being financially affected.

Phil moved to approve the grants presented in the memo from the RLF Committee to support local business using the RLF for the grants. Second by Jeff F and approved with 4 yes votes.

### **Lake Iroquois Conservation Group Presentation in Opposition to ProcellaCOR Herbicide Application**

Dave Kaminsky shared a presentation slide show on his feelings and information stating “the other side of the story” about use of ProcellaCor in Lake Iroquois. He asks the Select Board not to support the permit.

Pat Suozzi, of the LIA, read a statement responding to some of what was said tonight by David and by residents at the last meeting.

Jeff Davis, of the LIRD, read a letter from a resident on the Lake in support of use of ProcellaCOR. Jeff then spoke about the projects by LIRD to address erosion control and the phosphorus run off into the Lake. Jeff said on a personal level as a property owner and resident of the Lake he supports the permit. Misha Cetnor was present to review the permitting process. He said he works for the DEC and oversees the lakes and ponds regulatory program, specifically the aquatic nuisance control permitting. He addressed the permit for Lake Iroquois. The permit is currently in the draft state receiving public comment which ends on June 3rd. On May 27th he will be holding a public information meeting on the draft permit and will be taking public comments during the meeting.

Fran, Richmond resident, read a letter from a friend stating concerns about use of ProcellaCOR.

David Horn, resident of the lake, spoke in favor of supporting the use of herbicide as other efforts taken so far have not worked.

Marion Mumford, resident on Lake Iroquois, supports the permit and use of ProcellaCOR. She read a letter from Roger Kraus, lake resident, in support of the use of ProcellaCOR.

Ernie Brossey, lives on the Williston end of the lake, he is in strong support of the application.

Nancy wanted to applaud the LIA for their work over the years. She stated that anyone who opposed the prior Sonar permit or this permit has been invited to leave the Association. Nancy commented on the issue of motorboats on the lake which is regulated by the State. She said the LIA could recommend things to mitigate boat use.

Melinda Petter, addressed the negative things done over the years changing the configuration of the lake as well as allowing development on the lake.

Jamie Carroll, resident on the lake shore, feels the density of the EWM infestation makes the herbicide treatment necessary and supports the permit.

James Bruce, is opposed to the use of ProcellaCOR specifically the long term safety implications.

Tom Moody, has a seasonal camp on the lake. He has been involved in installing the barrier mats and the milfoil pulling. He feels the scale of the milfoil is more than can be dealt with in that way and supports the permit and use of the herbicide.

Kathleen Bruce, said she has used the lake for about 30 years. She is strongly opposed and does not think there is enough data on the product.

Shannon Kelly, member of the LIA for about 3 years, said he has witnessed the non-herbicide approaches used that did not solve the problem. He supports the permit and application of ProcellaCOR.

Meg Handler addressed the issue of the LIA Board and the circumstances under which she left. She is opposed and noted the short history of use for the herbicide and that it is not proven to stop milfoil.

Rena asked the Board members for their thoughts on this.

Jeff F said he is not sure what the priority is. Maintaining the ecology of the lake or making the lake a good place to recreate such as water ski. The research he read shows eventually the milfoil comes back and is resistant to treatment. He also has concern of boating spreading the milfoil. What beyond the herbicide will be done? He is in favor of the Board writing a letter of concerns to DEC.

Phil said he appreciates everyone's discussion and opinions and the expertise shared on the subject. He said he is unsure if this is the time to use herbicides on the lake.

Mike agrees that we need more time to study the effects and is not in favor of adding chemicals to our waterways. He is aware of the degradation of the lake from the milfoil. He does not feel the Board has collected enough information from the users of the lake and lake residents to make a decision for the entire Town on the DEC application.

Jeff T recognizes this is a passionate discussion. He agrees this is not the time to take this step and feels there are many other methods that have yet to be fully explored.

Phil said Merrily informed him that she is reluctant to have the Board make a motion either way as it is difficult to speak for the entire Town.

The Board agreed not to write to DEC regarding the permit as representatives of Hinesburg. They can contact DEC with their own opinions just as any other resident.

### **Review and Consider Approving Release of Ambulance Service Request for Proposals (RFP)**

The Board reviewed the RFP. Jeff T asked if other towns will be sent the RFP. Renae said Williston and Shelburne were not interested in providing service.

Mike moved to approve the release of the Emergency Transport Service RFP as presented. Jeff T second.

Jamie Carroll addressed the desire to have an AEMT on all transports and the proper wording to go along with that and to allow responses to have a bit of flexibility.

Mike amended the motion to include the edits made by Jamie and allow Renae to make those edits. Jeff T agreed to the amendment. Motion voted and approved with 4 yes votes.

### **Consider Zoning Administrator Reappointment**

Phil moved to reappoint Zoning Administrator Suzanne Mantegna for a three-year term to expire June 1, 2023. Second by Mike and approved with 4 yes votes.

### **Consider Reappointments for Chittenden South Waste District Board Representative and Alternate**

Lynne Gardner who has served as Hinesburg's representative to the Board for 32 years has decided to step down.

Jeff F moved to appoint Doug Taff as Hinesburg's representative to the CWSD Board for a 2-year term to expire May 31, 2022. Second by Mike and approved with 4 yes votes.

## **Town Administrator Report**

Renaë met with the CSWD representative, construction representative and stormwater consultant at the drop off center. They came up with a final punch list to be finished in a few weeks. The estimated opening date of the drop off center is mid to late June.

Town Hall building siding has been repaired. Working on getting plexiglass dividers for Town Hall in preparation of return of some workers.

The repair work on the water main break by the Busier residence is done.

Worked with consultants on wording of the draft RFP for Ambulance Service.

## **Select Board Forum / Correspondence Received**

Mike said he has been approached to see if the Town is interested in showing support for the 8th grade graduates. The Board felt this is a good idea and would welcome suggestions. Mike will get back to the parents who contacted him to see what their ideas might be. Andrea Morgante suggested community flower bouquets be made for the graduates, she would make them up if people bring flowers to her. Renaë asked if each community connected to CVU could do something to recognize the seniors from their town. Jeff T said there are some ideas being worked on.

## **Review Minutes from May 6, 2020**

Hold till the next meeting.

## **Consider Approving Warrants**

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

Jeff F moved to adjourn at 10:10 p.m., second by Jeff T and approved with 4 yes votes.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Spadaccini, Clerk of the Board