



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2020

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Attending the Meeting: Phil Pouech, Merrily Lovell, Jeff French, Mike Loner, Jeff Tobrocke, Renae Marshall, Joy Dubin Grossman, Erik Bailey, Jonathan Slason, Al Barber

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

Additions/ Deletions and Public Comment

Vermont League of Cities and Towns sent a copy of The Vermont Local Government Resolution for the Board to consider. This will be taken up after item 7.

Town Administrator Report

Renae noted the change in the order of the agenda was a suggestion to allow information from the Town Administrator and Select Board to be at the beginning of the meeting when more people may be listening.

- Renae reported the Beecher Brook Floodplain Restoration is now complete and shared a copy of a press release relating to this.
- She has been in contact with the Recreation Commission who is working on an alternative way to celebrate the 4th of July. They will be announcing their plans soon.
- Met with the Energy Committee to develop criteria to evaluate solar proposals.
- Responded to pre-bid questions for the Ambulance RFP.
- Continues to work on safety procedures to allow Town staff to come into Town Hall building as needed.
- Working with Waitsfield / Champlain Valley Telecom on a new phone system as the old one crashed.
- Continuing to look at any cost cutting options for Town operations.
- Village North sidewalk has been signed off by the State. The last piece is for the construction engineer to complete the paperwork.
- Working with the parent group from HCS on how the Town can help recognize the graduates. Renae noted CVU has put up lawn signs in the yards of seniors in recognition of their graduating. Renae suggested a congratulatory note on the Town Hall sign board to 8th grade

and high school graduates. Mike said for HCS graduates there is a plan to put ribbons around Town and they have asked residents and business owners along Route 116 in the village if they would put up decorations on their buildings. It is planned for lawn signs for each graduate to be placed on the green by the school on graduation day. Parents can pick them up after graduation. Andrea Morgante will make up bouquets from flowers brought to her house for the graduates.

Select Board Forum/Correspondence Received

Merrily asked about putting a message on the Town Hall sign board of Hinesburg welcoming all people in light of recent events. Renae talked about the white supremacy stickers found around Town that have been removed. Jeff T said the HCRC is putting a message on their website about fighting for racial justice in Town and around the world. It was suggested to put a similar message on the Town website. Phil suggested Board members come to an agreement on a statement. Board members will send sample statements to Renae. They will meet next Wednesday to address this.

Phil said Green Up Day was a success. He also noted that this was the last day of the public comment period to ANR on the permit for Lake Iroquois.

Phil noted the Board received correspondence regarding the road by the Police Station and the sign restricting traffic. Phil said that was never meant to be a road for safety issues. He suggested crafting a statement to that effect.

Updates on COVID 19 Response Efforts

AI reports they are still well stocked with supplies. Call volume remains at the usual average number.

Review FY21 Water and Wastewater Budgets

Erik said there have been savings in the Water budget. They tightened up the system, water flows are down as well as reduced maintenance and repairs costs. Wastewater is seeing a small increase due to increased phosphorus treatment. Erik is recommending keeping the rates stable.

Mike asked about a water main behind the Saputo building that is always running. Erik explained that is well 3 which is a disconnected well from the old water system.

Phil asked about the new well. Erik said the next step is the 5-day draw down test. He is waiting on an estimate for a temporary access road.

Phil asked when they need to get involved on work for the wastewater bond. Renae said due to COVID 19 the process is delayed. Erik said the delay is not a problem as the lagoons are working well.

Consider Impact Fee Proposal from RSG

Jonathan Slason reviewed the proposal. The primary emphasis is to update the fire and police fees. The emphasis for the Fire Department would be to look at what demands are being placed on the department and look at how they will grow to handle the new demands. The Police Department currently has excess capacity. The purpose would be to make sure the impact fee is appropriate to the cost and continue to pay the Town back for past expenses.

Phil suggests to put it on the agenda for the June 17th meeting for possible approval to allow time for feedback.

Jeff F asked if there has been any feedback from the Planning Commission. Renae said she has talked with Alex who supports it and likely the PC does as well.

Consider Approving the Vermont Local Government Resolution from the VLCT

After review, Merrily moved the Select Board support the Vermont Local Government Resolution sent by VLCT on June 3, 2020. Jeff T second and approved with 5 yes votes.

Review FY 20 Budget Status Report - as of end of May

Renae said, as anticipated, revenues are down but overall we are doing well. She is working on reducing expenses where possible to help build the fund balance to help in FY21.

Review Minutes from May 6, 2020 and May 20, 2020

Merrily moved to approve the minutes from May 6, 2020 as amended. Second by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

Jeff T moved to approve the minutes from May 20, 2020 as amended. Second by Mike and approved with 4 yes votes and Merrily abstaining.

Consider Approving Warrants

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

Merrily moved to adjourn at 8:41 p.m., second by Jeff F and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, Clerk of the Board