

To: Hinesburg Selectboard members

From: Chief Al Barber

Ref: Electronic sign request

The members of the Fire Department have been working diligently on the recruitment & retention issues. As part of the effort thru a facilitated discussion one of the identified shortcomings was our ability to communicate directly with the public in a timely manner public safety related messages. As we reviewed the many ways to accomplish this it was identified that an electronic message board would be an excellent tool to accomplish this task. To that end the Fireman's Association was approached for funding of the project. After talking with Peter Erb and Joe we are requesting selectboard approval to proceed with the permitting process via the DRB. I have been in contact with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and they see no issues as long as we follow state statute relating to signs. The allowed sign size per Hinesburg Zoning regulations is 24 sq.ft. we would be installing a smaller unit.

The sign that we are proposing is the same as the electronic sign at CVU minus the supporting structure. The sign would for the interim be mounted to the flag pole at the Fire Station. Once the new Fire Department buildings are built the sign would be incorporated into a new sign structure. Further details are attached.

Energy cost would \$300-\$500 per year.

Further info can be found at

<http://www.daktronics.com/ProductsServices/Products/Message-Displays/Outdoor-Monochrome/20-mm/Pages/default.aspx>