

SELECTBOARD MEETING

June 24, 2013

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Attending the meeting; Jon Trefry, Mike Bissonette, Phil Pouech, Andrea Morgante, Tom Ayer, Joe Colangelo

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

Dan Jacobs asked the Board if they had a response from Rocky Martin regarding waster loss in the Town water system. The Board said they have asked for information but have no numbers yet.

Dan asked about the Creekside Development situation and why the documents from the developer are not yet ready. Bill Moller asked if there is any way the Selectboard can force completion of this issue. Jon said the Board is frustrated also and are waiting for 5 documents to be signed.

Chittenden Solid Waste District

Tom Moreau reviewed highlights of the proposed budget with the Board.

Overall expenses are down by 2.7% but revenues are also down.

Both the Seleboard and CSWD want to work to continue to be able to keep a drop off center in Hinesburg.

Tom Ayer asked what the status of the Redmond Rd pit is. Tom said that is on hold at this time.

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the Chittenden Solid Waste District proposed FY 14 budget. Second by Phil and approved.

Old Police Station

Maggie Gordon and 5 other residents of Hinesburg sent a letter to the Board regarding their desire to preserve the old police station building.

They are suggesting it be sold as a commercial building to a low traffic business.

Margie Sharp asked what the funds from the sale would be used for.

She was told the funds would go to the Town with no specific plan for use at this time.

Andrea said she supports the idea.

Phil encouraged investigating the idea further.

Mike B said he does not feel comfortable with the building being renovated given all the talk about the poor condition when looking at the whole Public Safety Facility project. He also noted the Town has stated the importance of keeping frontage on Rt 116 and will be needed for the park.

Tom agrees with Mike B.

George Dameron said perhaps working through Alex's office and with Joe they can get more information on this idea to the Board.

July 4th Committee Update

The new committee members picked up where the previous members left off. They have \$11,000 raised for the celebration and are hoping perhaps to have a line item in the budget to help with funding in the future.

They shared the flyer with the schedule of events for the day.

Andrea noted while this is not included as a line item in the budget the Town does bear associated costs such as the extra police services.

Phil said it would be helpful if after the 4th a report was given showing what was raised and the associated costs of the event.

Contracts & Agreements

Public Safety Facility Bond Bank Application – Documents to review are available in the Selectboard packet. These documents represent the Town's official intent to secure financing for the \$1,055,200 approved public safety bond through the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank for 30yrs.

Joe reviewed the options and the decision to go with the 30 year bond.

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve signing all necessary documents to secure \$1,055,200 in Financing with the Intent to repay the principal plus interest over 30yrs. Second by Mike B and approved.

MTBE – The firm of Baron & Budd specializes in these cases and after review by the Town Attorney Joe and Rocky recommend that the Selectboard sign a Legal Services Agreement to have them represent the Town against major oil companies for their role in the contamination of Hinesburg's wells. If the Selectboard agrees to have Baron & Budd represent the Town, they will immediately move forward by filing our case in Federal District Court (in Vermont). At that point, the case will be transferred to a Multi-District-Litigation (MDL) judge in New York City and will be combined with around a dozen other like cases (other municipalities). Concurrently, the firm will begin building a 'damage model' for Hinesburg by having experts come in and inspect our situation. Those experts will determine levels of contamination and determine the most appropriate way the best way to mitigate the situation, in order to find a compensation value. This on-site investiture work will most likely take place in August/September. John Roos asked if the law suit could include health effects. Joe said he does not think health concerns are included – this just covers monetary costs of the Town.

Jon said the Board will consider a Motion to enter into a Legal Services Agreement with the firms of Baron & Budd, and Luxemburg for legal services with respect to damages, compensation and other relief to which the Town of Hinesburg may be entitled to as a result of an action to be filed against manufacturers, distributors, and/or sellers of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), tert-butyl alcohol (TBA) and its related or breakdown products in executive session at the end of the meeting.

Bissonette Field Wastewater Connection – Required for the DRB approval process.

Phil moved the Board vote to request an exemption to the Town's wastewater capacity ordinance for the Bissonette Recreation Field Project. Second by Tom.

Andrea noted the allocation would just be for the recreation facility not anything further and assumes the Town would waive the allocation fee.

Jon explained this is just to expand the ww service area it is not an allocation.

Motion voted and approved with Mike B abstaining.

Town/Bucs Agreement –

The Town will consider entering into a contract with the Buccaneers Youth Football for use of the new recreation field.

Andrea wanted it made clear that the Hinesburg recreation programs have first consideration on use of the fields.

Fire Department Pay – The Fire Department is requesting stipend increases for their on-call hours for the past year.

Al Barber said the rate is derived by taking the amount in the line for stipend and dividing by the hours to get the hourly wage. In the past there have been times when some of those funds were used to offset other costs. This year there has been a lower call volume and the department is under budget so Al is suggesting using the entire amount which will result in an hourly wage of \$9.84.

Joe advised the personnel policy is clear that the Selectboard set wage rates for all Town employees and fire department members are Non-Regular Part-Time employees.

The Board agreed it would be a better system to have a fixed amount set for the hourly wage when setting the budget and not to increase it now at the end of the budget year.

Rural Area Zoning

The Board continued discussion concentrating on objective #1. Discussed at length was new uses and Mike B expressed his concern with the 15 acre limit on the Farm Café.

Act 250 / Hannaford

David Saladino, consultant with RSG was present to go over their peer review of the traffic impact assessment.

Highlighted was the suggested increase in length of turn lane storage areas.

Town Administrator's Report

Public Safety Facility Project – The DRB's first meeting with the public safety facility was June 18, 2013; we are planning to be back before the DRB on July 1. The main items that need to be ironed out are the stormwater treatment agreement, landscaping for the police station, and the southern traffic island. The public safety facility committee is scheduled to meet again the morning of June 28.

Bissonette Fields – The bottle drive campaign was successful. Waiting to finalize landscaping plans with the engineer, have one more issue to work out the deed language with the attorneys, and then will submit for final approval to the DRB.

CCRPC Representative –

Phil moved the Board vote to appoint Andrea Morgante as Hinesburg's representative to the CCRPC for a term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2015, and Joe Colangelo as Hinesburg's Alternate to the CCRPC. Second by Mike B and approved.

Phil moved the Board vote to appoint Joe Colangelo as Hinesburg's representative to the CCRPC TAC for a term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2015, and Rocky Martin as Hinesburg's Alternate to the CCRPC TAC. Second by Mike B and approved.

Resource Center – See correspondence from Hinesburg Community Resource Center in Selectboard packet.

LCA Grant Application – Submitted application in Selectboard packet.

Village Steering Committee/Memorial Park – Joe has been working with the Village Steering Committee and Good Times on the puddle issues and fencing between the driveway into Good Times and Memorial Park. The VSC is planning a work day for late July which will include temporary maintenance to the driveway area and the installation of fencing.

CCTA / ACTR – Joe had a phone conference call with CCTA and ACTR reps a few weeks ago regarding equitable payment for the Burlington-Hinesburg-Middlebury line.

Town Hall Closed – July 4 and 5.

Shooting Ordinance – Originally the shooting ordinance was going to be back on the Selectboard docket for the July 1 meeting. It is being pushed back now because the VSC would like to discuss certain aspects of the ordinance with Chief Koss at their next meeting – July 8.

CHT/Affordable Housing Project – A few months ago, Champlain Housing Trust approached the Selectboard to apply for a CDBG for their proposed housing project behind Kinney. The proposal was not flushed out enough to submit for the summer funding round. CHT is prepared to ask the Selectboard for support for the early fall funding round. They are scheduled to do a re-introduction of the project on July 1.

Energy Committee – Chuck Reiss will ask the Selectboard to authorize the formation of an energy committee. One of the major plights of this group will be to deal with the PACE program. Chuck will address the Selectboard at the next meeting.

Dog Park – Members of the public will attend the July 1 Selectboard meeting to ask the Selectboard to consider creating a dog park at Geprags Park.

Health Insurance – Joe has been preparing for the creation of the health insurance exchange. The next few months will be health insurance heavy for the Town Administrator.

Weekly Update – This Wednesday will be the wrap-up of the first full year of the Weekly Report. Joe feels this has been a value-added to the community this year. Board members agreed that the update is helpful.

CBC Policy Updates – Coming up on the July 15th Selectboard agenda will be a discussion on the CBC policy and how it may need to be updated in August for the next round of applications and interviews. Specifically, the way interviews are to be handled in the future probably should be spelled out in the policy.

Tax Rate/WW Rates – The Selectboard will set these on July 15.

Rte 116 Traffic Safety Committee w/ VTRANS – Joe attended the VTRANS Traffic Safety Committee hearing on Friday, June 21. At that meeting, the committee approved the No Parking/Unloading Zone in front of the Public House; moving the 30 MPH sign near the intersection of 116 and Commerce to a point just north of the Kinney Drug; and allowed for an ‘Unsafe to Pass’ warning sign on the straight away south of Buck Hill Road West. There have been discussions with the Public House on making the No Parking/Unloading Zone a handicapped parking area after 5pm. Also, after the completion of a traffic study, the hope is to replace the ‘Unsafe to Pass’ sign with a ‘No Passing Zone’ sign.

Rte 116 Corridor Committee – <http://www.hinesburg.org/route116-corridor-study/>

Selectboard Items

Mike B reminded the Board that the Weed Rd issue needs to be finished up and also the job description for the Town Administrator.

Mike B moved to authorize the Town Administrator to spend up to \$4,000 on new chairs for the zoning office and to replace or fix the curtains in the main hall. As there was no second Mike B withdrew his motion. The Town Administrator will research new chair prices as well as checking on the curtain status.

Warrants

Jon moved the Board vote to approve the warrants, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer. Second by Andrea and approved.

Jon moved the Board go into executive session for discussion of the proposed contract with the Buccaneers Youth Football, to review and consider a motion regarding the MTBE legal issue and for personnel evaluation. Second by Phil and approved.

Jon moved the Board come out of executive session and adjourn, second by Phil and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Val Spadaccini, secretary

