



Annotated Agenda

July 1, 2013

3. Town Administrator's Report

- a. Grandlist – See Selectboard packet. Just a touch higher than the figure we used for estimating the tax rate during the FY2014 budget process. Marie will discuss the lodged grand list with the Selectboard on July 15th.
- b. Tax Rate – See Selectboard packet for relevant information. The Selectboard is scheduled to adopt the tax rate for FY2014 on July 15.
- c. 116 – See notice from the State regarding the Traffic Safety Meeting

4. Champlain Housing Trust

- Guests:**
- (1) Amy Demetrowitz, Director of Real Estate Development, CHT
 - (2) Matt Moore, Housing Vermont
 - (3) Creekside Association
 - (4) Affordable Housing Committee
 - (5) Frank Koss, Chief of Police

- Enclosures:**
- (1) Project Summary Sheet
 - (2) Hinesburg Community Housing Project Plans
 - (3) Champlain Housing Trust: <http://www.champlainhousingtrust.org/>
 - (4) VCDP Homepage http://www.accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/opportunities/funding/vcdp
 - (5) Master Plan for Site
 - (6) Affordable Housing Committee Letter of Support
 - (7) Hinesburg Wetland/Flood Hazard Map:
http://hinesburg.org/documents/townplan/map7_wetflood_050511.pdf
 - (8) Hinesburg Center Phase 2 Maps (not revised)

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Selectboard to consider its support in sponsoring a Vermont Community Development Program grant for a proposed affordable housing project to the west of Kinney and to grant the Champlain Housing Trust permission to proceed with a grant application. This is the same project the Selectboard reviewed back on February 18th. The meeting minutes from 2/18 state the following...

Phil moved the Board vote to approve Granting Preliminary Commitment to the Champlain Housing Trust to Support an Application to the Vermont Community Development Program for a \$300,000 pass-through Grant from the Town of Hinesburg in Support of the Hinesburg Village Housing Affordable Housing Project. Second by Mike B.

CHT later pulled back on applying for the summer round of grant money because there was a feeling that some of the details had not been ironed out sufficiently. Since that time, CHT has met with the Creekside Association specifically about this project. This project did receive the tax credit allocation applied for through a competitive process and these tax credits signify the major portion of the projects' overall funding.

The Town was successful in applying for a similar grant for Vermont Smoke & Cure a few years back and therefore has the accompanying recent experience of managing the grant applications and reporting requirements.

If the Selectboard is still interested in supporting this project through the VCDP grant program, a Public Hearing will be needed on July 29th.

Consider a Motion to Warn a Public Hearing for July 29, 2013 for the Town's application to the Vermont Community Development Program for a \$300,000 pass-through grant from the Town of Hinesburg to the Champlain Housing Trust in Support of the Hinesburg Village Housing Affordable Housing Project.

5. Town Energy Committee

Guests: (1) Chuck Reiss
(2) Others (?)

Enclosures: (1) List of Municipal Energy Committees in Vermont:
<http://www.vecan.net/index.php/energy-committees/>

Chuck Reiss will approach the Board seeking Selectboard authorization of a local energy committee. Chuck has developed a draft mission statement and list of objectives that the committee would, potentially, be charged with accomplishing for the Town of Hinesburg. If authorized, the committee would be governed by the same rules as all other Town CBC's as stated in the CBC Appointment and Procedure Policy. Besides the wording of the mission statement and agreed upon objectives of the committee, the Selectboard will also have to determine if residency will be a requirement, the number of members allowed on the committee, and length of terms.

This initial discussion should yield a good general direction on some of these issues. The Selectboard could, if it feels supportive of the idea of this committee, make a motion to authorize its existence at a meeting later this summer. Once that takes place, a call for volunteers, interviews, and appointments would follow. If the Selectboard as a whole is not interested in authorizing a new committee it would be worthwhile to have that be known, too.

No Official Action Anticipated.

6. Dog Park

Guests: (1) Stephanie Maslack, Hinesburg Resident
(2) Kathy Gutierrez, Hinesburg Resident
(3) Bill Marks, Conservation Commission
(3) Spike, Fido, and Daisy

Enclosures: (1) Aerial of Geprags Park (2009)
(2) Trail Map of Geprags

Stephanie and Kathy approached me separately regarding the idea of a dog park in Hinesburg. Stephanie put out a Front Porch Forum post a few weeks ago and received a number of supportive responses; she even got the attention of the local TV news crew. Not bad for a rookie in the arena of local community involvement. Kathy and Stephanie have made contact and are working together (I think) at this point. It is understood that there is no money currently in the Town budget for the construction of a dog park. I know Stephanie realizes that there will be some fundraising necessary; potentially money could be put in the FY2015 budget if this was deemed a priority by the Selectboard/public. Stephanie has met and reached out to Hinesburg's Conservation Commission regarding the location. Bill Marks, Conservation Commission Chair has indicated to me that they are favorable of the concept but will want to be able to have significant say in the placement of the proposed park. This initial discussion should focus on the Selectboard's general feeling of this proposed project, how it might be funded, and if Geprags is actually a good location for such a facility.

No Official Action Anticipated.

7. Contracts & Agreements

Guests: (1) Rocky Martin, Buildings & Facilities Director

Enclosures: (1) Bond Bank Application
(2) Legal Services Agreement
(3) Bissonette Wastewater Connection Memorandum

- a. Town/Bucs – I hope to have a draft to share. If in-depth discussion is needed the Board may have to enter into executive session. The general idea of the agreement is that the Town of Hinesburg and the Buccaneers Youth Football Association will agree to partake in a joint fundraising campaign to complete final site work and construction of the Bissonette Family Recreation Area. In exchange for the Bucs assistance in fundraising, they will have ‘priority’ use of 1 of the 2 field multi-purpose fields (soccer, LAX, football) during the 5 month long football season.
- b. Farmall & Fredric – Maybe, just maybe the Town will sign the Decision and Order to Accept Farmall and Fredric.
- c. Town Employee Pay – The recommended pay rate increases for Town employees, effective July 1, will be presented at the Selectboard meeting. ***Consider a Motion to Approve the FY2014 Town of Hinesburg Employee Wage Rates.***