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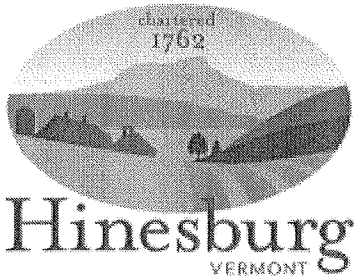
Attachments: #3 - petition_092513.pdf

Dear George –

Article 2 of your submitted petition is not one Town of Hinesburg voters have the authority to consider because the Town of Hinesburg is not considered a 'rural town' and, as such, zoning and subdivision regulations cannot be adopted via Australian Ballot. Municipalities with populations of less than 2,500 are considered 'rural towns'; municipalities between 2,500 and 5,000 can vote to become a 'rural town'. However, because Hinesburg has more than 2,500 residents and has not voted to become a 'rural town', the Selectboard does not have the authority to place Article 2 on the ballot along with Article 1. The Selectboard is meeting Monday evening to warn a vote at a November 5th Special Town Meeting asking: ***Shall the changes to the Zoning & Subdivision Regulations approved on September 9, 2013, by the Select Board be repealed.***

You can read more comprehensive explanations below regarding Article 2 of your petition from our Town Planner and an attorney with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. All of this information will also be available with the Selectboard packet for September 30th: http://hinesburg.org/selectboard/meeting_packet/13-0930/

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

-joe-

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