



Annotated Agenda

November 4, 2013

3. Conservation Commission Update

- Guests:** (1) Bill Marks, Chair
(2) Other Members
- Enclosures:** (1) Conservation Commission Webpage:
<http://hinesburg.org/conservationcomm.html>
(2) Conservation Commission State Statute:
<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/statutes/sections.cfm?Title=24&Chapter=118>
(3) Title 24, Chapter 118: Conservation Commissions

Bill Marks, Chair of the Conservation Commission, will be in attendance to discuss the Conservation Commission's work over the past year and discuss goals for the coming years. I know there is some concern on the Selectboard regarding membership. I think it would be good to work with the Conservation Commission members to develop a plan on how to revitalize this Commission, increase membership, and identify tasks, projects, and programs the Commission should focus on. The Conservation Commission assisted the Lake Iroquois Association (see agenda item below) by advocating for a \$5,000 budget line-item request.

Town voted in early 90's to establish Conservation Commission and Title 24, Chapter 118 dictates a Conservation Commission's responsibilities.

No Action Official Action Anticipated.

4. Lake Iroquois Association Update

- Guests:** (1) Jim Ross, LIA
(2) Other members of LIA
- Enclosures:** (1) Update from LIA
(2) LIA Webpage: <http://www.lakeiroquois.org/>
(3) LIA Presentation from October 2012

Hinesburg's FY2014 budget was approved with a \$5,000 line-item in the Conservation Commission's budget in support of the Lake Iroquois Association's grant funded project to help mitigate sediment run-off into the lake. This \$5,000 allocation goes along with \$5,000 of in-kind work done by Mike Anthony the summer of 2012 to help build some stone detention ponds. Just a few weeks ago the Town sent LIA a \$4985 reimbursement check for their FY2014 budget request (all \$5,000 will not be used). The written report from the LIA, inserted into the Selectboard packet, summarizes the work completed well.

Representatives from the Lake Iroquois Association will attend Monday's meeting to talk more about how the Town's \$5,000 was used, the status of their restoration project, and goals for the coming year.

The Lake Iroquois Association developed their own website and the link is available above.

No Official Action Anticipated

5. Mini Hydro Electricity Generation – Cemetery Pump House

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

Enclosures: (1) Memo from Rocky
(2) Visuals

Selectboard members are encouraged to review Rocky's memo before the meeting to prepare for this agenda item. Rocky can introduce the concept to the Board and the Board will need to consider if it supports Rocky's time investment needed to flush out a clear proposal to bring to the Selectboard for consideration. The general concept is to look at the feasibility of installing an electricity generating turbine that would replace the pressure reducing valve at the Cemetery Pump House and, like the solar trackers at the lagoons, the power would be net metered and sold back to the grid with credit to the water department.

Consider a Motion Authorizing the Director of Buildings & Facilities to work with Deb Sachs to develop a cost proposal for a mini hydro electric generation turbine for the Cemetery Pump House for further discussion with the Selectboard

6. Hannaford – Act 250 Update

Guests: (1) Alex Weinhagen, Town Planner

Enclosures: (1) None

Alex will be at the meeting to provide an update on the Hannaford Act 250 review. The hearings are complete, and interested parties have until November 15 to submit final comments or proposed findings.

No Official Action Anticipated (Unless the Selectboard has affirmative directions to give Alex moving forward).

7. Public Hearing – Interim Zoning

Guests: (1) Alex Weinhagen, Town Planner

Enclosures: (1) Interim Zoning Adopted
(2) Interim Zoning Memo
(3) Interim Zoning Extension Notice

Alex will be at the meeting to request that a public hearing be warned for December 16, so that the Selectboard can extend the energy efficiency interim zoning provision for one more year. This temporary/interim provision was first adopted by the Selectboard on December 19, 2011 and will expire after two years without an extension. See attached materials. It seems like this might be a really good first task for the Energy Committee!

Consider a Motion to Warn a Public Hearing on December 16, 2013 to consider extending the energy efficiency interim zoning provision for one (1) more year and Make a Formal Request to the Energy Committee to Advise the Selectboard in this matter.

8. Update on Water Feasibility Study Work

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

Enclosures: (1) None

Rocky Martin will engage in conversation with the Selectboard on the status of the Water Source Feasibility Study. A few weeks ago the Board authorized the use of up to \$15,000 (water department funds) to engage in further study. Thanks to the help of UVM and the Vermont Geology Society's willingness to help study the existing wells in Geprags – free of charge – the Town has saved on some of the expense. Rocky will be on hand to update further and review next steps.

No Official Action Anticipated.

9. CBC Interviews & Appointments

- Guests:** (1) Amelia B. Norris
- Enclosures:** (1) Norris Application
(2) CBC Working List

Amelia Norris is scheduled to interview with the Affordable Housing Committee. Amelia is not a Hinesburg resident but for the Affordable Housing Committee that is not a requirement.

Consider a Motion to Appoint Amelia Norris to a three (3) year seat on the Affordable Housing Committee through January 1, 2017

10. Town Administrator Report

- a) Vermont Health Connect – What a mess!
- b) Dameron Catch-Basin – Included in your packet is a few pictures of the temporary solution Mike Anthony used to fix the catch basin safety problems along Charlotte Road.
- c) Kelley's Fields Catch Basin – Rocky and I met with AOT representatives and came up with a solution to reduce the safety hazard along the west side of Rte 116.
- d) FEMA – Gary Clark will commence work on the MaGee Hill Road culvert upgrade project on Tuesday, November 5. On Monday, November 4 I am meeting with the FEMA and State rep to review the project to date.
- e) Richmond Road Paving – I understand from Mike Anthony that paving will begin on November 4. This is the initial 1" layer.
- f) Town Administrator Work Plan – I will have a work plan developed to share with the Selectboard Monday evening. The goal of this work plan is to help the Board and staff help prioritize work with me and help enhance communication within the organization.
- g) CSWD/Highway Garage Site – I have made contact with Brian Wright, Facilities Manager and Engineer for CSWD, who will continue to be the point person on our joint site-plan work. He indicated to me that he is particular busy right now and will have more time to put towards this project in a few weeks.
- h) Meeting with Quinn – Darrell Martin, Joe Colangelo, and Andrea Morgante met with Sara Quinn on Friday, November 1. This meeting was a result of Sara's attendance at the September 21 Selectboard meeting. Sara supplied a written explanation (with photos) of her grievances with the Recreation Path Project and we went through those point-by-point.
- i) Zoning Violation – Originally reported to the Selectboard back in September. Attorney Bud Allen will be available to the Selectboard this evening. My recommendation is to enter into Executive Session and include Bud Allen.
- j) Winters Farmers Market – The Lions Club will host the Winters Farmers at Hinesburg's Town Hall November 23 and December 14. Their Town Hall Rental Agreement was approved with the special condition that they could have wine tasting and vendor. If you recall the Selectboard lifted the alcohol prohibition at Town Hall last year for the Farmer's Market; the assumption was this practice could continue for another year at least.