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

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

Jon presented Dona Walker with a plaque on behalf of the Town in recognition of her 8 years of service on the Village Steering Committee.

Conservation Commission Update

Bill Marks, Meg Handler and Alison Lesure the three members of the Conservation Commission were present to report on activities of the Conservation Commission.

Bill said accomplishments this past year include continued maintenance of Geprag Park and work to make a better bird habitat at the park. The Greenspace Plan which was mandated to the CC to draft is ready for editing. A summary of the Plan was given to the Planning Commission to use in crafting the new rural zoning. They also worked with the Audubon Society to remove invasive plants at Geprag's.

Bill also noted they are working with the PC on the shoreline regulations.

Jon asked Bill if there is a work plan for the coming year. Bill said they are putting the Greenspace Plan on hold pending the results of the election regarding the new rural zoning.

The Board discussed the need to increase membership on the Commission.

Andrea noted the need to keep the CC in the loop with the water feasibility work and the gas line work at Geprag's.

Lake Iroquois Association Update

Meg Handler reported for the LIA on the work completed with the help of the \$5,000 allocation from Hinesburg and the work done by the Highway Dept.

They are working now on addressing the beach erosion and continue to work on water quality.

Mini Hydro Electricity Generation – Cemetery Pump House

Rocky explained the general concept at this step 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.

Phil asked if there is an expectation of grant funding for the project and Rocky said there are several options.

Phil moved the Board vote to authorize 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 Second by Andrea and approved.

Hannaford – Act 250 Update

Alex reported the hearings are complete, and interested parties have until November 15 to submit final comments or proposed findings. He suggests sending a brief final letter to Act 250.

Andrea asked about the long term impacts of stormwater in regards to the Town recognizing the importance of Patrick Brook being included in the letter.

Mike B moved the Board instruct Alex to send a letter to the Act 250 board supportive of the DRB decision and previous submitted testimony. Second by Phil and approved.

Public Hearing – Interim Zoning

This temporary/interim provision to modify the energy efficiency standard for new residential dwellings was first adopted by the Selectboard on December 19, 2011 and will expire after two years without an extension. Chuck Reiss suggested requiring the energy code plus the new standard and explained the bonus for builders and the Town in doing so. Jon said it sounded good but this is an extension of what was approved and can't be changed.

Mike B moved the Board vote 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. Second by Tom and approved.

Update on Water Feasibility Study Work

Rocky reported on work done at Geprag's Park. Rocky said 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 said the assumption of the connection of the wells at the site was researched and he is expecting a full report on the findings shortly.

CBC Interviews & Appointments

Amelia Norris was present seeking to serve on the Affordable Housing Committee. Amelia is not a Hinesburg resident but for the Affordable Housing Committee that is not a requirement.

Amelia said she lives in Starksboro and works at the Bristol Bakery in Hinesburg. Her interest in affordable housing began in college. She has interned for the Central Vermont Community Land Trust and studied sustainable rural development in college.

Andrea moved the Board vote to appoint Amelia Norris to a three (3) year seat on the Affordable Housing Committee through January 1, 2017. Second by Phil and approved.

Hannah Jackson was present seeking to serve on the Energy Committee. Hannah has lived in Hinesburg for a year and has experience as an energy auditor and is certified in Green Advantage, a building environmental program.

Phil moved the Board vote to appoint Hannah Jackson to a two (2) year seat on the Energy Committee through January 1, 2016. Second by Mike B and approved.

Town Administrator Report

- a) Vermont Health Connect – Joe will continue to monitor as this goes ahead. He was finally able to get the Town signed on.
- b) Dameron Catch-Basin – Mike Anthony filled in with gravel as a temporary solution to fix the catch basin safety problems along Charlotte Road.
- c) Kelley's Fields Catch Basin – Rocky and Joe 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 Joe is meeting with the FEMA and State rep to review the project to date.
- e) Richmond Road Paving – paving will begin on November 4. This is the initial 1" layer.

- f) **Town Administrator Work Plan** – Joe will have a work plan developed to share with the Selectboard. The goal of this work plan is to help the Board and staff help prioritize work with him and help enhance communication within the organization.
- g) **CSWD/Highway Garage Site** – Joe 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 Joe 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. This will be taken up in executive session with the Town Attorney.
- 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. 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.

Selectboard Items:

Andrea reported that she has coordinated with Mike Anthony for use of the excavator and labor toward the in kind match from the Town for the Lewis Creek rain garden project.

Minutes:

Mike B moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of October 28 as amended, second by Phil and approved.

Warrants:

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

Jon moved the Board go into executive session including Rocky Martin for discussion of the problems at the Quinn property / including Alex and the Town Attorney for discussion of the zoning violation / and just the Board for continued discussion of employee evaluation. Second by Mike B and approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary