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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m

John Lyman was present regarding his continued concern with limited site distance from his drive due to cars parked in the “drop off” area at the Public House Restaurant.

Jon suggested he call the restaurant when a car is parked in the spot so an announcement can be made to have the car moved. Jon also suggested contacting the Zoning Administrator to advise him of the problem.

Joe Colangelo said the State has notified the Town before that they have seen a vehicle parked in the spot and that it is a violation.

Jon welcomed the members of the HCS School Board.

Keith Roberts, chair of the School Board called the School Board meeting to order as this was a warned meeting.

Jon identified several points the SB is interested in having joint discussion on.

Jon explained the budget process the SB follows and Keith then shared how the process works for the School Board.

Looking at future large projects Jon talked about the search for a new water source and Keith advised that due to increased enrollment they are moving students back into the white building, this will require bringing the building up to standards.

In preparation for Town Meeting and the School annual meeting it was agreed they would both be held in the auditorium at CVU. HCS warned their meeting for 6:00 p.m. It is expected the Town Meeting will be warned for 7:00 p.m.

Safe Routes to School – looked at the proposed sidewalk along Rt116 from the Charlotte Rd intersection. Discussed the danger of crossing by Silver St and possible solutions.

Lyman Park field maintenance – discussed the problem with maintenance especially summer maintenance. The School is responsible for maintenance but the Town has been doing the summer work. Discussed was to find where the efficiency would be. Tom noted that the rec directors concern is more than the weekly mowing but needed maintenance and repair work.

Keith will have one of the co-principals look at the issue.

Andrea noted the Rt116 corridor study committee is looking at traffic congestion during drop off times at the school.

Keith adjourned the HCS Board meeting on a motion by Kathy and second by Lisa at 8:06 p.m.

Connecting Youth Pass Through Grant

Christine Lloyd-Newberry, program director of Connecting Youth was present to answer any questions on the grant.

Connecting Youth secured a \$10,000 Community Preservation Grant to promote healthy living and disease prevention on behalf of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center. There is no local match for this grant. The Town of Hinesburg is the pass-through agent because we possess the proper insurance coverage required by the State of Vermont; this is a typical role for municipalities to play on behalf of local non-profits.

Tom said he is glad to see this program that will encourage people to help themselves and added he feels community gardens would be a beneficial addition to this program.

The Board reviewed the contract

Phil moved the Board vote to approve signing the Contract of Services Between the Town of Hinesburg and Connecting Youth to signify a partnership between the Town of Hinesburg and the Hinesburg Community Resource Center to Support the \$10,000 VT Department of Health Community Preservation grant secured by Connecting Youth on Behalf of the Hinesburg Community Resource Center and Have the Town Administrator sign the agreement on behalf of the Town of Hinesburg. Second by Andrea who noted a correction in wording to Community Prevention. Phil accepted the change, motion voted as corrected and approved.

Masons Building

John Parenteau, representing the Masonic Lodge, said there is problem with the main drainpipe to the building resulting in needing replacement. He noted the Patriot Lodge has done repairs and maintenance to the building over the years and the nursery school has also made improvements to the interior. John states according to the lease agreement the Town is responsible for the repair as it is on Town property. He acknowledges the Lodge is responsible for the pipe where it connects to the building.

Rocky said the ww ordinance says the property owner is responsible for the line and he believes the Lodge is responsible.

The pipe in question is about 140 feet; the Lodge has an estimate of \$9,000 to do the work. As there is question about responsibility Phil suggested the Board get a legal opinion on where the responsibility lies.

Amy Frost, of the Hinesburg Nursery School, said there is an urgency to get this fixed as it could lead to a health problem.

Andrea said this is a legal issue and the SB should discuss in executive session and get back to the Masons by the next meeting.

Mike B suggested seeking a legal opinion and have Joe and Rocky look at the site to come up with a plan.

Buildings & Facilities FY2015 Budget

Rocky reviewed the proposed budget with the Board.

Items of discussion were: the request for the storage shed, the Board discussed other possible sites and to look at the whole picture for need before making a decision; the money in the capital budget for Memorial park – Joe pointed out this is not a request from Rocky but money he added after discussion of the SB with the Village Steering Committee; street lights – Rocky said there is a lease agreement with GMP and any changes to the lighting would result in increased lease fees; Phil suggested tracking committee and commission hours and invoices for purchases.

Recreation FY2015 Budget

Jenn McCuin reviewed the proposed budget with the SB.

Items of discussion were: additional \$200 in the operating budget for CSSU background checks; \$1000 for field maintenance for the field behind Town Hall to seed and fertilize; 4th of July – what level should the Town fund the activity; storage shed and need to have rec items in one location.

CBC Interview

John Pacht was present to express his interest in serving on the Energy Committee. John has resided in Hinesburg since 1988 and is interested in renewable energy and making sources available to more people. He said he is good at hearing different views on a subject and creating consensus to move forward.

Andrea moved the Board vote to appoint John Pacht to a two (2) year term on Hinesburg's Energy Committee expiring January 1, 2016. Second by Tom and approved.

Town Administrator Report

- a) Thislte Hill – The preferred plan moving forward on the retaining wall is to remove the middle portion of the retaining wall and create a sloped embankment. Next steps are to discuss this option with ANR because the embankment would creep into the wetland area. Joe has been in contact with the home owners association on this development.

Zoning Violation – Joe reported that Alex will be writing a memo to go out to the public with information about the situation.

Workers comp premium is up 40%. Joe said this is largely due to a police officer injured at the Academy during training. He is working with Representative Lippert to look into the fact that the Police Academy bears no risk in such a situation. Joe drafted a letter that the Board reviewed to Rep Lippert. Mike B moved the Board vote to sign and approve sending the letter concerning the Town's increase in insurance due to injury sustained by a police officer at the Police Academy. Second by Tom and approved.

Selectboard Items:

Tom reminded all of the concert in January to raise funds for the Bissonette Rec fields and noted the sponsors.

Mike asked about the Town Administrator job description, he would like to have this finalized. Jon said he feel they cannot tackle it till February as the focus now is on the budgets.

Andrea asked about the status of Weed Rd. Joe said a public hearing will be set for February.

Minutes:

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the minutes as written for Dec 2, 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.

Tom moved the Board go into executive session including the Town Administrator for employee personnel discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Spadaccini, secretary

