

## SELECTBOARD MEETING

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**JANUARY 13, 2013**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Joe prepared a sheet for the Board to work with showing expense increases and possible expense decreases.

The Board discussed removing;

\$4,000 for the economic development plan

\$2,000 for highway signs, Mike Anthony is o.k. with that reduction

\$4,000 for tablets

Staff wages – keep at the \$4,000 amount

Police cruiser lease has \$24,000 can reduce by the \$12,000

\$2,500 for Memorial Park – will support tree planting from the tree planting budget

Land preservation fund – has about \$22,000 in the fund now – will look at extent of funding next week

Tom asked about the capital fund for the Fire Department as he is not sure about the equipment needs.

### **Highway Sand**

It appears that the highway department's service to local residents – allowing folks to pick up a bucket load or so of sand – is being exploited. It would be a bit of a shame to eliminate the program for the 99% who utilize the sand pile appropriately.

Mike advised the Board that not only are truck loads being taken from the pile outside the gate, which is now gone, but some are actually driving inside the gates and taking sand and salt from the sheds.

Discussed increased enforcement, installing signs that this is for town resident's private use only, and reporting plate numbers of those seen abusing it.

### **Meeting with Local Delegation to Montpelier**

Representative David Yantachka, who represents Charlotte and a portion of Hinesburg, serves on the Natural Resources and Energy Committees. This session they will be taking up the net metering cap on solar units and solid waste issues.

Representative Bill Lippert chairs the House Judiciary Committee, serves on the Corrections Committee and is on the Judicial Nominating Board. Bill said the main focus for the Judiciary Committee will be the opiates addiction. Also to be discussed will be regulation of precious metal dealers. Previously in the Natural Resources Committee they now will be looking at conservation easements.

Tom asked about the item Chief Koss is concerned with of disallowing part time police officers. Bill said part time certification requiring less hours of training at the Police Academy and full time certification both result in full time enforcement. What is being questioned is to change so part time officers do not have the same powers of enforcement as full time.

David Zuckerman, vice chair of Agriculture Committee said they are looking at GMO labelling and the current use program. He is also on the Education Committee which is reviewing state school funding, Act 60 and 68 and requirements for private schools.

Tom asked about school closures.

David said it is a complicated issue as all parties involved with the school need to agree on closure of that school.

Jon asked about the liability issue around an injury sustained during training at the Police Academy by an officer resulting in a burden for the municipality and he hopes this will be looked at by the Legislature this session.

Tom asked Bill about the Health Care situation. Bill replied the Governor is committed to continue moving to publicly funded health insurance. This will not be moving forward without careful consideration of the legislature.

Jonathan Williams, of VLCT said VLCT is active in following all the areas that were discussed. In addition they are watching the transportation funding.

#### **Conservation Commission/Lake Iroquois Association Budget FY2015**

Bill Marks reviewed the budget request with the Board. They are requesting an additional \$1,000 for Natural Resources Planning. The Board asked Bill to get a cost proposal to finish the editing work on the plan and held off on any decision till they have that information.

Bill noted the \$5,000 in funding for the LIA is funneled through the Conservation Commission.

The LIA reviewed what was accomplished with the funding received from Hinesburg last year and the plans for continued needed work as they move ahead with the funding they are requesting in this budget.

#### **Economic Development Plan**

Joe reviewed the 5 draft goals of the Committee. No action on funding was taken as this will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### **Energy Committee Budget Fy2015**

Chuck Reiss reviewed the Committee's request of \$750 with the Board.

Jon asked if there had been any attempt to get funding in other ways than from tax payers.

Tom suggested reducing the request to \$250 and added regarding to the proposal on how to spend funds he suggests doing one of their ideas and doing it big rather than several events.

Phil suggests funding at \$450.

Jon said they will use the \$450 as a discussion number

#### **UPWP**

.Andrea moved the Board vote to authorize the Town Administrator to submit applications to the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission's UPWP FY2015 work plan for the following projects: 1) stormwater planning; 2) water source feasibility study; 3) town highway garage planning. Second by Tom.

Andrea noted it does not seem that the water feasibility will be funded as it does not benefit the region. The Board said the Town needs sufficient water supply to meet State regulations. Andrea will check with complete streets about the Charlotte and Richmond roads.

Motion was amended for the projects to be 1) stormwater planning; 2) water source development for sufficient water supply to meet State regulations; 3) complete streets planning for Charlotte and or Richmond roads; 4) master planning for the 38 acre Town highway garage site and observation tower. Motion voted as amended and approved.

#### **Town Administrator Report**

1. **Lantmans Sidewalk** – estimate to relocate sidewalk is in the Selectboard packet.
2. **SafeRoute2School** – See letter from HCS Board in packet.
3. **Richmond Road Water Line** – Rocky reported the water level is dropping in the tank. He is trying to find if there is a leak.

4. **AT&T Tower** – information on AT&T wanting to use the tower on Leavensworth Rd in the Boards packet.
5. **Planning Commission** – We are planning interviews for Johanna White's seat at the next meeting. The Selectboard really needs to reach-out to constituents and encourage applications. Also, Bob Link emailed Joe signaling his resignation. He will continue until a replacement is found. We will advertise for his position too.
6. **Richmond Road VGS** – possible service and construction information on expanding service in the Boards packet.
7. **FEMA Update** – letter regarding the reimbursements in the Boards packet.

### **Minutes**

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 12/16/13 as amended, second by Phil and approved.

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 1/6/14, second by Tom and approved with Phil abstaining.

### **Selectboard items**

Andrea noted that several students from HCS are building shelves for the new Police Station. Tom wanted to thank the hundreds of people who showed up at the fund raising concert for the rec fields. A total of \$10,734 was raised with the wonderful community support. Jon thanked Tom for all the work he did on the fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 on a motion by Tom, second by Andrea and approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary