

**TOWN OF HINESBURG VT
SELECTBOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 21, 2014**

- DRAFT -

- DRAFT -

Attending the meeting; Jon Trefry, Phil Pouech, Andrea Morgante, Renae Marshall, Trevor Lashua and attached list.

Jon called to meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jon, on behalf of the Selectboard and Town presented Renae Marshall with a gift of appreciation for her dedication and extra work she took on as interim Town Administrator.

Old Police Station Proposal

Jon noted the Selectboard has been on a track to demolish the building. An informal committee has formed to propose an alternative to demolition.

Roger Kohn said the committee wonders if the building had insurance to pay for the water damage. He presented their idea to sell the building as is for \$125,000 with the Town retaining ownership of the land with the stipulation the exterior not be modified without approval of the Selectboard.

Rolf addressed the impact on the master plan.

Maggie Gordon said the building is a physical buffer separating the green space from Rt116.

Len Duffy spoke in regards to maintaining the character of the community and referred to an ordinance requiring a permit to tear down any historical building in Town. He feels this ordinance has saved some beautifully renovated buildings.

George Dameron said structures in Town constitute the story of the Village of Hinesburg.

Peter Erb addressed the need for space for Town use such as employee offices and other programs run at Town Hall.

Marie Gardner feels the building has more value to the Town to be saved not demolished and also noted that Town Hall is maxed out for office and meeting space.

Katrina Roberts of Green Tree Real Estate said she looked at the building with a contractor who estimated a cost of \$75,000 to fix the building.

Jon noted the concern of delaying a decision with cold weather coming.

Katrina said for \$800 the building could be winterized.

Phil noted that last spring the Selectboard was advised there was no value to the building and the desire to have the green space be an open area. He is now open to exploring new ideas but does not feel it is ideal for Town offices.

Andrea noted she has always been against demolishing and suggests looking at the assets and liabilities of use as a municipal building.

Jon said he is in favor of maximizing the green space in the area, he was under the impression there was no value on top of all the deficiencies existing in the building.

Memorial Park Street Trees/Village Steering Committee Request

Mike Buscher of the Village Steering Committee addressed the issue of the Town wanting to plant trees in Memorial Park and the issues around VTrans regulations. The Town Administrator will work with Mike Buscher and draft a letter to VTrans regarding the

planting of trees. It was suggested to cc Bill Lippert, Diane Snelling, David Zuckerman and Mike Yantachka.

Bedard-Caron Subdivision Proposed Stormwater Agreement

George Bedard presented a proposal on behalf of Mr. Caron for an offer of dedication of land to address stormwater as it relates to his subdivision plans.

The Carons, as part of a three-lot PUD project at 274 Richmond Road, are proposing an “offer of dedication” for more than half of lot #3 (0.95 acres) to meet future stormwater control and treatment needs.

Phil moved the Board vote to authorize the Town Administrator to pursue an agreement with the Carons related to lot # 3 of the PUD and future stormwater control and treatment needs. Second by Andrea and approved.

Paving Bids

Mike Anthony said he received two bids for paving. Pike at \$72.46 a ton and AC Paving at \$72.60 a ton.

Andrea moved the Board vote to award the paving contract to Pike at \$72.46 a ton for the purpose of paving portions of Charlotte and Richmond Roads and agree to overspend the budget by \$13,000 to pave 1500 feet on Silver St with the understanding the Town has received a State Grant toward paving. Second by Phil and approved.

Water/Wastewater Service Contract

Simon Operation Services, Inc (SOS) of Waterbury, following a visit and facility tour, submitted a proposed service agreement for water and wastewater operation services. Rocky reviewed what services SOS staff would provide, in addition to the costs (\$1200/week) and term. The proposed agreement has been structured as a month-to-month agreement, with the possibility to extend or alter if necessary. Total duration of the agreement, along with the level of service, depends on the hiring process for both the Superintendent and Operator’s positions. Andrea moved the Board approve to authorize the Chair to sign the Proposal for Interim Services with Simon Operation Services to perform water work services with work under the agreement to start as soon as possible. Second by Phil and approved.

Hinesburg Center Pocket Park Escrow

Alex advised Bud Allen is working directly with Mr. Grabowski’s attorney on language changes to the June 2014 version of the escrow agreement.

Andrea voiced concern that \$20,000 is not an adequate amount to be held.

Alex said everything is still in flux with continued discussion and hope to have a revised agreement soon.

Green Street Sewer Easement Quit Claim Deed

The sewer lines have already been constructed in different locations, rendering the 1968 easements obsolete. Giving up the easements better enables the proposed Green Street development to proceed, while also accurately reflecting what is already in the ground.

Andrea moved the Board vote to authorize the Town Agent to sign the quit claim deed and property transfer-tax return related to a pair of easements on the west side of Rt 116 behind existing buildings conveyed to the Town in 1968. Second by Phil and approved.

Selectboard Retreat Date/FY16 Budget Development Schedule

Selectboard and TA discussed possible retreat dates and reviewed the proposed budget development schedule.

Trevor discussed how it might work to include community involvement / comment into the budget process.

Town Administrator's Report (Any of these items can be discussed during the SB Forum if you would prefer)

Transition – Trevor updated the Board on how the process is progressing.

Education Funding Discussion – Trevor advised the Board that last Thursday, a group (nearly 180) of school and municipal officials convened for a lengthy discussion on all things related to the education funding system in Vermont. Certain broad themes emerged, with two of the most prevalent being the complexity of the system and a general level of discontent over how education costs have escalated since the passage of Act60. One more specific theme was the continued shift of education revenue from a more balanced revenue portfolio to one where property tax revenue comprises 70% of the funding. What happens next in this larger conversation is yet to be determined.

Selectboard Items

Andrea asked for a follow up letter regarding the painting of the center lines be sent to Paul Zenaty.

Andrea also said she would like the Town to try and address the sand and mud situation on Rt116 from the phone company drive to the Busier residence. She would like if possible to hire a contractor to clean up the sidewalks and in the long term for grading to be done to prevent the problem in the future.

Warrants

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

Minutes

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 8/7 as amended, second by Phil and approved.

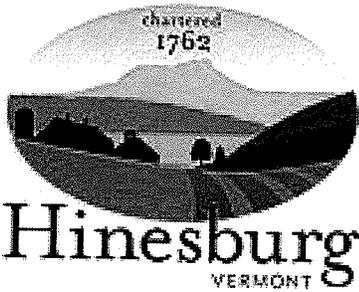
Executive Session

Jon moved the Board go into executive session including Renae and Trevor for legal issues relating to a law suit the Town is party to; discussion on a settlement; and personnel discussion. Second by Phil and approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary

DRAFT



Selectboard Meeting Sign-in Sheet August 21, 2014

1. Roger Kohn

14. _____

2. Dana Ruffly

15. _____

3. ~~Paul Keenan~~

16. _____

4. Dorothy Pellett

17. _____

5. Mary Sharp

18. _____

6. ~~Paul St~~

19. _____

7. Katrina Roberts

20. _____

8. Bill Martin

21. _____

9. Kevin Gardner

22. _____

10. Alex Weinhagen

23. _____

11. Mike Anthony

24. _____

12. Jerry Carr

25. _____

13. ~~George Damer~~

26. _____