

**SELECTBOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 2014**

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Attending the meeting; Jon Trefry, Mike Bissonette, Phil Pouech, Tom Ayer, Andrea Morgante, Trevor Lashua, Rocky Martin, Joe Duncan, Karl Novak and attached list.

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

Jon called for public comment.

Karl Novak addressed his concern with a police response to a 911 call in Duxbury that occurred in August. He felt the response was overboard and not what Vermont is about. He distributed a news article on the occurrence (copy attached).

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**Public Hearing on the proposed water supply and treatment bond**

Jon opened the Public Hearing on the proposed water supply and treatment bond and summarized the need for the additional water sources.

Joe Duncan, engineer for the project and Rocky Martin answered questions from the audience.

Dan Jacobs asked what the projected increase cost to users will be. Rocky said they estimate an additional \$125.00 a year. Dan asked what the treatment process will be and Jon stated it will be traditional ionization. Dan brought up the fact that many users on the Town system have invested in personal water softeners. Jon said there is no plan to reimburse users for that personal expense.

Kyle Bostwick said while treating water to be good safe water is a must the softening aspect is open for debate.

Joe Duncan said the new wells are slightly higher in hardness and slightly lower in manganese and iron. He noted the ion exchange is primarily to treat hardness, treating the manganese and iron is a bonus. Joe added that approximately \$600,000. Of the 1.5 million is to provide treatment. He will have operating and maintenance costs at the next meeting.

Phil asked for a comparison of overall treatment (as proposed) vs individual treatment and if there is any benefit to the distribution system.

Joe said with the proposed treatment and continued flushing the water in the system will be a better quality. Joe also noted if using the figure of additional \$125.00 approximately \$50.00 of that would be the treatment component, the rest is capital cost not including operating and maintenance.

Dan asked if there is any treatment system on this scale in Vermont.

Joe said he will check if there is.

John Lyman asked about the cost to build the treatment system now vs at a later date. Joe said the cost is \$600,000.00 now and unknown what it would cost at a later date.

Phil asked about options for treatment besides ions and Joe said use of membranes is also done.

Tom Ayer asked about the cost of an in home system. Dan Jacobs (employed in the water filtration business) said a typical family of 4 using a bag of salt at \$8.00 a month would spend about \$100.00 a year plus the water used for the cleaning process. Filters and salt average about \$150.00 a year.

Rob Farley, employee for the State dealing with drinking water and groundwater, said this project addresses the current needs and short term. He asked how far the plans have proceeded for additional water sources.

Rocky said if the bond passes they will complete that project and then look at other options such as filters for the wells behind Town Hall or other sources.

Chris Murphy said he a problem with the method of funding being put on the water users only.

Jeff French said his water bill for a family of 4 averages \$117 a month and the State average is \$50 a month. He also feels the entire Town should bear the cost or only allow the rate payers to vote.

Jon advised legally the Town cannot limit the voting.

Andrea said it could be done, but would need to create a Fire District.

Brand Wainer said he feels it is appropriate for the users to pay and to review the rate structure to increase costs to new users.

Jon closed the Public Hearing and noted further discussion is scheduled for the Oct 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Interviews for the openings on the Development Review Board (DRB)**

Andrea Bayer, Kevin Cheney and John Lyman were interviewed for openings on the DRB.

Andrea has been serving as an alternate and was an active member for the Haystack Crossing project.

Kevin said he is looking to serve as an alternate. He is looking to help achieve responsible development. He also serves on the Recreation Commission.

John Lyman is a lifelong resident of Hinesburg and is looking to give back to the community in service. He has experience as a business owner in the village.

Tom noted in keeping with tradition of moving alternates to permanent positions, moved the Board vote to appoint Andrea Bayer as a regular member of the Development Review Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2016. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Tom moved the Board vote to appoint John Lyman and Kevin Cheney as alternate members of the Development Review Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2016. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

**Request to close portions of Farmall Drive and Fredric Way for a Halloween event**

The Creekside Community Association is asking to close most of Farmall Drive and all of Fredric Way from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 31<sup>st</sup> (a.k.a. Halloween). The request only restricts general vehicular access for that time, from a point near the intersection of Farmall Drive and Kaley's Way. Chief Koss supports the closure to allow for safer Halloween activities, and the Hinesburg Community Police will handle the closure of the two roads.

The adopted road policy and standards require action of the Selectboard for the scheduled closure of a road. The Board granted this request last year, and by all accounts the event went well.

Phil moved the Board vote to approve the closure of Farmall Dr and Fredric Way, beginning at a point near Kaley's Way, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 31, 2014. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

**Honor Bill Moller for his service on the Development Review Board**

Jon on behalf of the Selectboard and Town of Hinesburg awarded Bill Moller with a plaque in recognition of his service on the Development Review Board.

**Discuss proposed changes to the zoning regulations (energy efficiency standards)**

Mike B said his concern is affordability to build a home, he has been advised that to build to energy code plus will increase the cost to build by \$6,000 to \$10,000. He also noted one could not build a home and only finish and live on the first floor and plan to finish the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at a later date. He feels the current RBES is sufficient.

Chuck Reiss disagrees with the 6-10,000 cost and said incentives available could be up to \$1,000 and the homeowner will save money in energy costs. He noted an owner builder can opt out of the standard.

Tom feels the homeowner should retain the right to make decisions and this should be voluntary for certain aspects. He does like the education aspect.

Maggie Gordon said education is incorporated into this program.

Phil said he would want to know if Efficiency VT would allow Hinesburg to stay with the regulations noted in 2014 plan.

Andrea referred to the Town Plan calling for efficiency.

Mike B moved the Selectboard reject the PC proposed changes to the zoning regulations for energy efficiency standards and to ask the PC to write a proposal to adopt the State Energy Standards. Second by Tom. Andrea feels there should be the opportunity to amend the current proposal to tie into the 2014 standard energy code plus and for that reason will vote against the motion. Tom wants to let the property and homeowner make decisions and does not want to “one up” the State requirements.

Motion voted and defeated with 2 voting yes and 3 voting no.

John Veilleux, resident on Texas Hill, agrees that the homeowner should be able to make his own decisions and is opposed to the more stringent regulations.

**Discuss next steps regarding the Old Police Station**

The deadline has come and gone for the submittal of ideas. The three main ideas are (in no particular order):

- Sell the building “as is” for commercial occupancy (which is restored in the process).
- Retain the building for current or future municipal use (either as a “community center” or for staff offices).
- Remove the building, relocate the memorial from Memorial Park, and create more green space.

Board members were unanimous in removing the prospect of retaining the building for municipal use.

Discussed was to see if the building will sell within a set time frame.

Phil moved the Board vote to consider engaging a real estate agent to begin the process of putting the building up for sale and spend the minimum to protect the building for winter up to \$1200.00. To have the real estate agent bring back to the Selectboard expectations and time frame to sell the building. Second by Andrea.

Motion approved with 4 yes votes and Mike B abstaining as he had submitted proposal also

**Consider adopting the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)**

The Board reviewed with Al Barber the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

Andrea moved the Board vote to adopt the 2014 Local Emergency Operations Plan for Hinesburg to be signed by the Fire Chief. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

**Town Administrator's Report**

- a. **Quinn property on Mechanicsville Road** – Staff will deliver a letter outlining the work done to date to address the various concerns, as well as the next steps to address outstanding concerns related to the driveway. Scheduling and overseeing the work on the driveway will be the purview of the property owner; the Town will provide the funding.
- b. **FY16 Budget** – Worksheets and materials are in the hands of the Department Heads, and due back to the Administrator's office by October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- c. **Grand List average annual growth update** – With the assistance of Marie Gardner, a better grand list growth number has been obtained for projection and planning purposes. Between FY07 and FY15, the grand list grew at an average annual rate of 1.08%. For budgeting purposes, a more conservative figure (0.5% or 0.75%) may be prudent.
- d. **Jiffy Mart sidewalk and rain garden** – The Planning and Zoning department has been working with the owners of the Jiffy Mart regarding the construction of the sidewalk along Shelburne Falls Road and repairs to the rain garden on the site. The work on both is scheduled to begin on 10/8, which is later than expected. A notice of violation had been issued in September. If both pieces are taken care of, then no further action is required. If not, the matter may be before the Board on 10/20.
- e. **Health Officer's request for "ticket book"** – The Health Officer has asked if he may have a "ticket book," which would enable him to issue civil violation tickets. Given that this is a departure from current policy, the matter has been tentatively scheduled for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting for the Board to discuss and decide.
- f. **Oak Hill Road** – The section of Oak Hill Road owned by St. George will be closed Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for culvert repairs. The closure is estimated to begin at 7 a.m. and end around 4 p.m.
- g. **CCTA General Manager search update** – The search for a new general manager has entered a public phase. The release from CCTA included in the packet provides more detail.

**Warrants**

Tom moved the Board vote to approve the warrants, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

**Minutes**

Jon moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 8/21 as presented, second by Phil and approved with 4 yes votes and Mike B abstaining.

Mike B moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 9/8 as amended, second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

Mike B moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 9/22 as amended, second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary