



## *Annotated Agenda October 20, 2014*

### **4. Public Hearing for Water Supply and Treatment Bond**

#### Guests:

- Joe Duncan, Aldrich and Elliott
- Rocky Martin, Director of Buildings and Facilities

#### Enclosures:

- Water supply and projected growth graphic
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Vermont Department of Health informational sheet on hardness
- Vermont Department of Health fact sheet on well testing (with information on lead and manganese)
- Other materials as they become available

This is the second of three public hearings on the water supply and treatment bond. The third and final public hearing on November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the hearing required by Statute. The enclosures provide additional information on the project, while also addressing many of the questions (in whole or in part) raised at the October 7th public hearing. Other information will be available Monday night as well.

Joe Duncan estimates that the annual operation and maintenance costs for the treatment system are \$10,000. That works out to an estimated \$12.54 per year per current water user. Under exploration is a switch from an ion exchange treatment system to a “reverse osmosis” treatment system, which would eliminate the concerns related to salt/sodium.

Questions associated with “who pays” and “who votes” were common elements of the first public hearing. The proposed bond is a type of bond known as a revenue bond, where net revenues from the utility (the water system) are used to re-pay the amount borrowed. The other option is a general obligation bond, with property taxes used to re-pay the amount borrowed. General obligation bonds, borrowed through the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, can be for either 20- or 30-year terms. Interest rates are higher for general obligation bonds (between 3.1% and 3.5%) than they are for the State’s Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund (3%).

There is no way to change the type or amount of bond after a bond vote has been warned.

No action is required.

## **5. Honor Kate Myhre's service on the Development Review Board (DRB)**

Guests:

- Kate Myhre

Enclosures:

- None.

Kate, who will be in attendance Monday night, served on the Development Review Board from September 2009 until September 2014.

## **6. Interview for the Trails Committee - Peter Modley**

Guests:

- Peter Modley

Enclosures:

- Peter's email on the opening and requesting appointment
- Michelle Fischer's letter (via email) of resignation

Peter has volunteered to fill the Trails Committee opening recently vacated by Michelle Fischer. The term expires on January 1, 2015. The appointment would be for the remainder of the term, with a three-year term then offered as part of the normal board and committee reappointment process scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Consider a motion appointing Peter Modley to the Trails Committee for the term expiring on January 1, 2015.*

## **7. Presentation of "Shelburne Falls Road Safety Study"**

Guests:

- Jeremy Matosky, PE, Trudell Consulting Engineers (TCE)
- Abby Dery, PE, TCE

Enclosures:

- TCE's, "Shelburne Falls Road Safety Study," dated 09/29/14
- Email from Alex Weinhagen, re the study

TCE has been working to identify short- and long-term safety improvements for Shelburne Falls Road. Shelburne received a similar safety study, and has begun implementing some of the safety suggestions. Among those is the reconfiguration of the intersection with Dorset Street, painting fog lines, and vigorous traffic enforcement during peak times (the beginning and end of the school day at CVU).

No action is anticipated.

## **8. Presentation on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) districts**

Guests:

- Chuck Reiss, Energy Committee
- Ray Keller, Energy Committee
- Other Energy Committee members

Enclosures:

- The Energy Committee's presentation

The Energy Committee will present more information on PACE districts.

No action is anticipated.

## **9. Vermont Astronomical Society (VAS) Agreement Request**

Guests:

- Jack St. Louis, President, VAS

Enclosures:

- VAS' presentation

Jack St. Louis, President of the Vermont Astronomical Society, will present on behalf of the society.

No action is anticipated.

## **10. Consider Approving the Reappraisal Services Contract with NEMRC**

Guests:

- Marie Gardner, Assessor

Enclosures:

- Proposed Reappraisal Services Contract with NEMRC

The last reappraisal was in 2006. If approved, reappraisal would begin in July 2015 and conclude in June 2017. The full timeline is listed on page three (II, a). The cost is \$156,000, with a charge of \$75 per parcel for additional parcels (beyond the 1,947 listed in the agreement). The payment schedule calls for monthly installments of \$6,500. The reserve for reappraisal has \$149,660.60 as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. During the second year of the reappraisal contract, NEMRC does not charge for its maintenance services, which makes another \$19,000 available in FY17 to cover the remaining \$6,300 and any additional parcels.

*Consider a motion to approve the reappraisal services contract with NEMRC.*

## **11. Proposed changes to the zoning regulations (energy efficiency standards for new residential construction)**

Guests:

- None scheduled (members of the Planning Commission and Energy Committee may attend to join/listen)

Enclosures:

- Proposed language for amendment

Making the change discussed at the 10/6 meeting (to make State Residential Building Energy Standards the energy efficiency baseline for new residential construction) requires that action be taken on October 20<sup>th</sup> and another public hearing be held prior to final action. The public hearing is scheduled for the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Planning Commission, in the interim, will amend its report to include the Selectboard's proposed change. The Planning Commission may include additional feedback on the proposed change, as may other committees involved in the process.

Chris Gordon of Efficiency Vermont confirmed that both RBES and Efficiency Code Plus will change again in 2015. The intent has always been the continual increase in energy efficiency standards to meet larger local and statewide energy goals. As such, the program run by Efficiency Vermont (which will also be phasing out the "Energy Code Plus" moniker) will continue to evolve. Services would still be available to individuals building a home. Supporting the 2014 equivalent of the Energy Code Plus program once a new standard has been implemented by Efficiency Vermont is not feasible.

*Consider a motion to amend the Planning Commission's proposed changes to section 5.23.2 of the zoning regulations as proposed by the Selectboard along with necessary related reference and numbering changes, request that the Planning Commission amend its report to the Selectboard, and warn a public hearing on the proposed change for Monday, November 17th at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Hinesburg Town Hall.*

## **12. Consider adopting the 2013 Vermont Road and Bridge Standards**

Guests:

- None anticipated

Enclosures:

- 2013 Vermont Road and Bridge Standards
- VTrans' "Orange Book" (Handbook for Local Officials)
- Email from Dick Hosking, VTrans, re adoption of 2013 standards

- Email from Bryan Davis, CCRPC, re adoption of 2013 standards

VTrans revised the Road and Bridge standards in 2013. In addition to tying in to access to greater State matches for emergency funding, the standards tie in to access to greater State matches for programs such as those for Town Highway Bridges and Structures.

The changes are outlined in the enclosures.

*Consider a motion adopting the State of Vermont's Road and Bridge Standards, as dated January 23, 2013.*

### **13. Town Administrator's Report**

- Hannafords** – An update will be available Monday night.
- Old Police Station winterization** – In talking with Rocky, winterizing the old Police Station should be fairly easy and low in cost. The electricity will be left on to run the sump pump, but not appliances.
- Old Police Station clean-up and the Haunted House** – A volunteer group spent time cleaning up the old Police Station in preparation for Halloween, when it will be put in use as a haunted house. There was more to cleanup than anticipated, with items left behind awaiting final disposal.
- FY16 Budget development update** - Initial budgets are due back to the Administrator's office by Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, and the FY16 budget and capital budget presentations are scheduled for Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Town Fair and the Municipal Policy** - The Unemployment and Health Trusts, upon a vote of the membership, merged into a single entity. The merger will not alter the services available to members. The Municipal Policy generated a spirited debate on local control and participation in State regulatory processes – primarily as both relate to energy projects (wind in the Northeast Kingdom, the proposed VT Gas pipeline, electrical transmission upgrades in Southern Vermont). The amended and adopted Municipal Policy will be available in the coming weeks.
- Jiffy Mart sidewalk and rain garden projects** - Work is underway on the sidewalk and rain garden projects at the Jiffy Mart. Completion of the projects would negate the need for additional action involving the Selectboard and/or Town Attorney.
- Pleasant View Lane flooding concerns** - The hydraulic study for the area, specifically the culvert under Shelburne Falls Road, is in the Board's packet. The 36" culvert needs to be replaced with at least a 60" culvert. The culvert replacement needs be added to the Town's larger work plan, making it hard to answer questions at this point about "how much" and "when." The residents of Pleasant View Lane have expressed significant concern over the installation of the sidewalk at the Jiffy Mart, fearing that more impervious surface will make the occasional flooding of the end of the road worse. The Selectboard may be approached by Pleasant View residents with a request to provide road materials on an as-needed basis

should rain events impact the intersection of Pleasant View Lane and Shelburne Falls Road until the culvert can be re-sized as specified in the hydraulic study. The Highway Department delivered materials this week.

- h. **Street trees meeting** – On Wednesday, October 22nd, Jane Brown and David Blackmore of the VTrans will be in Hinesburg to discuss street trees, specifically the proposed plantings in Memorial Park. Mike Buscher of the Village Steering Committee, who has been involved with the Memorial Park project, will also attend.
- i. **Bissonette Family Fields** - The project has a date with the Development Review Board (November 18<sup>th</sup>).
- j. **Thistle Hill streets** – Last fall the Town and the developer of Thistle Hill started the process related to Town “take over” of the neighborhood’s streets. The work identified at that time, specifically stabilization of the hammerhead turn-around, is complete. A follow-up inspection will determine whether or not more needs to be done or if the issues identified last year have been fully addressed. The matter is scheduled for the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectboard meeting. The Town already performs winter maintenance in Thistle Hill.
- k. **Road Salt prices** – Salt prices for the current winter season will be an estimated \$15 per ton more than expected. The road salt supply, after a particularly difficult winter, has not been able to catch up with the anticipated demand. The choice for municipalities will be whether or not to apply less salt or spend more on salt than anticipated.
- l. **Hinesburg Center, LLC settlement** – The settlement has been signed, and Mr. Grabowski made the first scheduled payment on time.
- m. **Kelly’s Field Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP) award** – Efforts to secure funding for improvements to Kelly’s Field have been successful, with the VCDP awarding \$475,000 for the project. Alex Weinhagen and Renae Marshall were both applauded by the Town’s partners for their assistance in securing those funds.
- n. **TMDL implementation plan draft** – Late Friday afternoon the CCRPC sent out a request for feedback on the draft TMDL implementation plan. TMDL stands for Total Maximum Daily Load, and is the standard for the amount of a given pollutant (phosphorus) acceptable in a given area (Lake Champlain). The draft implementation plan and the email from CCRPC soliciting feedback are included in the Board’s packet.
- o. **Document spacing** – Line spacing varies throughout – the first draft of this annotated agenda was created using Apple’s “Pages” product, converted to Word, and then converted again into a pdf document. The formatting inconsistency may be my fault, though Bill Gates and Steve Jobs may also share some degree of culpability...