

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

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

There was no public comment but Karl Novak handed out information regarding drinking water and additives that he requested be attached to the minutes.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

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

Joe Duncan of Aldrich and Elliott reviewed the project and reasons for the new water sources.

Peter Erb addressed the fact that residents of Lyman Meadow are not hooked into the Town system but are billed for their water. He feels the Town needs to make the connection soon.

Jon stated the Town has chosen not to hook them into the system yet to avoid possible contamination of their well with the MTBE's.

Dan Jacobs asked if in the future more Town wells are added to the system will another treatment plant be necessary.

Joe Duncan said the plant is being designed to accommodate expansion.

Asked was the number of current users. Rocky said there are 530 connected properties with 721 users.

Asked was with more water being sent to the sewage treatment plant will more sewage capacity be needed. Jon said the Town has more than adequate capacity and the usage will remain about the same.

A resident who said his brother is on the Town Council in Virginia asked about user availability fees. He also noted this is a quality of life issue if with this water the Town sees extensive growth.

Tammy Orlow asked about the location of the new wells in regards to the gas station across the road and her concern of possible contamination.

Joe D explained the 200 ft isolation distance and identifying the water source area. Testing on the new wells show no contamination.

Jeff French sees this project as more for the public good not just helping the rate payers.

John Lyman asked what the financial consequences are if the bond does not pass.

Jon said that is unknown, the Board would bring the issue back to the voters perhaps without the treatment component.

Jon reminded everyone there will be a third public hearing on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Mike B on behalf of the Town and Selectboard presented Kate with a plaque in recognition of her service to the Town as a member of the DRB for 5 years.

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

Peter has met with Lenore Budd, chair of the committee and is aware of the committee's charter and the work they do. He is an avid hiker and has walked some of the town trails.

No action was taken at this meeting to allow for posting of the vacancy.

**Presentation of “Shelburne Falls Road Safety Study”**

Jeremy Matosky, PE, Trudell Consulting Engineers (TCE) and Abby Dery, PE, TCE gave a presentation identifying possible 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).

The Board thanked Jeremy and Abby for the work they have put into this proposal and agreed erecting advisory speed signs and lowering the speed limit are two recommendations that could easily be done.

Ray Keller stated he rides his bike on that road and to think about the suggestion to install guard rails as that can create a hazard to bikers when a car is passing them as can the center line rumble strip.

Frank Koss said the PD cannot just arbitrarily set a speed limit on a road and enforce it, but this study gives him the information needed to make changes.

**Presentation on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) districts**

Ray Keller, member of the energy committee, reviewed with the Board the PACE program available to Hinesburg. The Board plans to act on signing onto Energy Vermont and assign an administrator for the program at the Nov 17 meeting.

**Vermont Astronomical Society (VAS) Agreement Request**

Jack St. Louis, President, VAS, spoke with the Board regarding the current agreement with the Town for the observatory and future plans of the Society and their hope that Hinesburg can become a permanent site.

**Consider Approving the Reappraisal Services Contract with NEMRC**

Marie Gardner, assessor, reviewed the contract for reappraisal.

The last reappraisal was in 2006. This one would begin in July 2015 and conclude in June 2017. 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.

Phil moved the Board enter into a contract with NEMRC at a cost of \$156,000 with a charge of \$75.00 per parcel beyond the 1,947 listed in the agreement. Second by Mike B and approved with 5 yes votes.

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

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.

Trevor advised that Chris Gordon of Efficiency Vermont confirmed 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.

Andrea said she will vote against the change as she would like the ability to review and make adjustments if the Town does not want to continue with Efficiency Code Plus.

Mike B moved the Board vote to amend the Planning Commission's proposed changes to section 5.23.2 of the zoning regulations to - New residential dwellings (including modular homes but not accessory apartments) shall be designed and built to meet the most up-to-date version of the Vermont Residential Building Energy Standard (RBES), with the exception of those dwelling types that meet the exemptions (e.g., mobile homes, owner/builder special provision, etc.). Even with such exceptions, all construction projects are encouraged to build to energy standards that exceed the statewide minimum, such as the programs designed and supported by Efficiency Vermont and Energy Star.

Second by Tom and approved with 3 yes votes and 2 no votes.

Mike B moved to warn a public hearing on the proposed change for Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the main hall of Hinesburg Town Hall. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

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

The Board reviewed the 2013 Vermont Road and Bridge Standards.

Phil moved the Board vote to adopt the State of Vermont's Road and Bridge Standards, as dated January 23, 2013. Second by Andrea and approve with 5 yes votes.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

- a. **Hannafords** – Trevor said a mediation date has been set.
- b. **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.
- c. **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.

- d. **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>.
- e. **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.
- f. **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.
- g. **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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**Selectboard items**

Phil noted the need for the Board to work on a water allocation policy.

Mike B asked if the funds from the LLC settlement will be put back into the general fund. He feels a separate account should be set up perhaps for projects on lot 1. The Board was in agreement not to put them in the general fund.

Mike B thanked Tom for the work done on the soccer field and Tom said it was accomplished due to the help of many individuals.

Andrea asked about working with a consultant to determine costs associated with additional infrastructure needed for future development. She also asked that the Board members read the hand out from Karl Novak and respond to him.

Mike B 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.

Phil moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 10/6 as amended, second by Mike B and approved with 5 yes votes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Spadaccini, secretary