



Annotated Agenda

November 17, 2014

4. Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to the Zoning Regulations (Energy Efficiency)

Guests: (1) None anticipated

Enclosures: (1) The Selectboard's proposed changes

The proposed change makes the State's Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES) the default standards for new residential construction. Once the public hearing is closed, the Board may adopt the changes as proposed.

The Planning Commission has yet to amend its report to the Selectboard to reflect the changes proposed by the Board. Staff is looking into the practical impact of this, and whether or not it alters to the schedule of action. If so, the December 1st meeting would still allow enough time to, "beat the clock," with regards to the expiration of both the interim zoning and proposed Planning Commission changes.

Consider a motion to adopt the proposed changes to section 5.23.2 of the zoning regulations as proposed by the Selectboard, along with necessary related reference and numbering changes.

5. Consider Appointing Peter Modley to the Trails Committee

Guests: (1) None

Enclosures: (1) None

Peter Modley was interviewed for a vacancy (to fill an unfinished term) at the October 20th meeting. No other candidates have applied. Board, committee, and commission reappointments happened at the November 3rd meeting. Peter would fill the remainder of a term set to expire at the end of December, and continue with a regular three-year term to follow.

Consider a motion to appoint Peter Modley to the Trails Committee for the remainder of a term set to expire on January 1, 2015, and for a three-year term set to expire on January 1, 2018.

6. Trails Committee – Annual Visit

Guests: (1) Members of the Trails Committee.

Enclosures: (1) None as of this writing.

This is the first of the annual visits to the Selectboard by the various boards, committees, and commissions. As part of the visit, the Trails Committee will likely also wish to discuss a proposed scoping study for bike and pedestrian improvements along Richmond and Charlotte Roads. The scoping study, as proposed, would be part of the Regional Planning Commission's unified planning work program. The program is functionally a grant program, requiring a 20% local match. An early estimate is \$60,000 for the study, requiring a \$12,000 local match.

No action is anticipated.

7. Discuss Water Supply and Treatment Bond – next steps

Guests: (1) None

Enclosures: (1) None

This is intended as an initial “debriefing” about what comes next (and when) now that the bond vote has passed. Those next steps can be broken down into two categories: technical and policy.

The technical category includes completing the requisite applications and forms for state and local permits, completing and submitting bond application materials, and the continued development of the project's engineering plans.

The policy category includes the discussion about the proposed treatment and the myriad pieces of the water use ordinance (allocation fees, capacity reserve, allocation prioritization, holding fees and forfeiture of unpurchased capacity, etc.). The policy discussion will likely also include components on how the proposed growth does or does not fit, the role of wastewater capacity, and what to do next with regards to additional sources/capacity.

No action is anticipated.

8. Initial FY16 Budget Presentation

Guests: (1) Chief Frank Koss, Hinesburg Community Policy
(2) Chief Al Barber, Fire Department

Enclosures: (1) Budget and cover memo
(2) Police budget request/narrative
(3) Fire budget request

The budget memo, along with the initial budget and other supporting materials, will be available prior to the meeting. Numbers are still being finalized and verified. This is the initial presentation of the budget, and the first step along a lengthy review path prior to warning the agenda for Town Meeting in March.

No action is anticipated.

9. Consider Accepting Streets in Thistle Hill as Town-owned

Guests: (1) None

- Enclosures:** (1) Before and after photos of the retaining wall
(2) Hinesburg's Road Acceptance policy
(3) Site plan showing the original retaining wall
(4) The public hearing notice from November 2013
(5) Email correspondence between Mike Weisel and Andy Rowe (on behalf of the developer)

The original boulder retaining wall has been replaced with a vegetated slope. The email between Mike Weisel and Andy Rowe (Sterling Construction's engineer) explains the work done, including the installation of drainage. The Town already does the winter maintenance for the streets listed. The suggested motion is similar to the one used for the acceptance of streets in the Creekside development. The Decision and Order that follows includes a more detailed description of the roads to be accepted.

Consider a motion to accept Mulberry Lane, Thistle Hill, and Thorn Bush, as Class 3 Town Roads per 24 V.S.A. § 4463 (c) and the Town of Hinesburg Policy for Consideration of New Town Roads. The decision and order for acceptance of the three Class 3 roads will be signed following review of the Warranty Deed and Property Transfer Tax Return by the Town's attorney to ensure that the owner of record has good and marketable title to the roadways.

9. Consider Accepting Proposed Easement Deed for Carse property

Guests: (1) None

Enclosures: (1) Letter from Mr. Carse, dated 11/3/14

Town Attorney Bud Allen has reviewed the proposed deed language, and is okay with it. He suggested checking with VLCT to make sure there are no questions related to liability and indemnity.

Consider a motion to accept the easement deed as presented.

10. Consider Appointing Efficiency Vermont as the PACE Administrator for Hinesburg

Guests: (1) None

Enclosures: (1) Email from Ray Keller, regarding next steps and loan timing

The email from Ray Keller explains the next steps, should the Town choose to select Efficiency Vermont as its PACE program administrator. Staff will work with Efficiency Vermont on the next steps, and bring back anything requiring additional action by the Board.

Consider a motion selecting Efficiency Vermont as the Hinesburg's PACE program administrator.

12. Town Administrator's Report

- a. **Annual wastewater plant inspection** – Most of the items listed have already been addressed. We fully expect next year's rating to be significantly higher.

- b. **VT Gas and Richmond Road** – VT Gas may not perform any work in the area in question until next spring. They have been working directly with Iroquois Manufacturing on heating options (likely a conversion back to propane).
- c. **Water/wastewater operator** – Interviews are in the process of being scheduled for the first week of December. The overall number of candidates is small, but includes a number that are certainly qualified.