

SELECTBOAED MEETING

March 30, 2015

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

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

There were no comments from the public or changes to the agenda.

Discuss Water and Wastewater Ordinance Changes and Interim Bylaws

Trevor explained this discussion is intended to cover the options available to the Town to, essentially, create the time and space to address the gap between what is allowed in zoning and what is supported (and supportable) by municipal water and wastewater infrastructure. The two main options, which may also be combined into a single effort, are to attempt to address the issue through changes to or creation of various water and wastewater ordinances and the adoption of interim bylaws (effectively prohibiting development within the village growth area while the Town “sorts out” the questions related to capacity).

Trevor shared a timeline comparing creation of interim by laws and making changes to the ordinances.

Trevor stated that interim bylaws to limit the growth will lead to a change in the ordinances eventually.

Discussed was the relationship of water source capacity and sewer discharge capacity. Should the Town be exploring more water sources before we know what the discharge limits will be?

Tom said the Town may need to look at ordinance relating to private systems.

Alex encouraged the Board to think about dealing with allocation ordinance first and not to rush to write interim bylaws.

Amanda Lafferty, of Stitzel Page and Fletcher, explained how interim laws could affect development by types of land development. Projects would be tied into the date of the warning for the Public Hearing for proposed interim bylaws.

The Board agreed to work on developing ordinances and work on phasing projects.

Discuss Highway Garage Project

The Board reviewed a proposed layout of a new facility and anticipated scope of services.

Mike B questioned if the Town should continue with planning when funding is questionable.

It was agreed to continue to work on planning.

Discuss Possible Illegal/Open Burning Ordinance

For the Town Health Officer to issue tickets for illegal burning, the Town will need to adopt an ordinance that defines both permissible and non-permissible burning. . The Board reviewed a model ordinance crafted by VLCT and agreed they would like to proceed with an ordinance for Hinesburg.

Trevor will have the Fire Chief and Police Chief review the ordinance for their input.

Phil asked if the Health Officer feels there is a problem now should he take it to the Police Chief. Trevor said the Health Officer would have to coordinate checking on the complaint with the Police.

Consider Adopting Revised Town Hall Rental Policy

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the revised Town Hall rental policy, second by Phil.

On reviewing the proposed revisions the Board added a few changes and clarifications; change the term Town of Hinesburg to Town Administrator and his or her designee and include the term his or her designee when referring to the Town Administrator throughout the policy / item #14 remove reference to products for private gain.

Motion was amended to read, approve the revised Town Hall rental policy including revisions made at this meeting.

Motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

Town Administrator's Report

- a. *Water source exploration* – Test drilling west of the Wainer wells continued, as we took advantage of winter's unrelenting icy grip. Unfortunately, the three test wells were unsuccessful.
- b. *Village North sidewalk* – Construction has been delayed until the 2016 season, as the project was delayed in environmental review at State level. VTrans has requested movement of the pedestrian bridge, which is shown in the revised site plan included in the meeting packet. The tree nearest the existing bridge will need to be removed to facilitate the relocation of the bridge. A long-term benefit of relocating the pedestrian bridge is that better facilitates the replacement of the existing box culvert with natural-bottomed infrastructure.

Selectboard items;

Andrea noted there is a lot of sand on the Town sidewalks and she would like the Town to recapture it.

Jon said he has noticed road deterioration within Hinesburg Center. Andrea added that there is question regarding the parking spaces on Farmall Dr., she believes it is the developers responsibility to keep those clear. Trevor will check on this.

Tom asked about the paving schedule. He said the road in front of CVU as well as Mechanicsville Rd corner to Thistle Hill are in bad shape.

Tom also thanked the Board for adjusting the meeting schedule last summer and is requesting it be done again this year. Suggested was Thursday evenings from May through September.

Mike B referred to the growing project list he is working on with Trevor and the desire to hold a retreat.

Warrants;

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

Minutes;

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 3/16 as amended, second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the minutes of 3/23 as amended, second by Jon and approved with 5 yes votes.

Phil moved to adjourn, second by Jon and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary

