



Annotated Agenda

July 16th, 2015

4. Consider Setting FY16 Tax Rate

Guests: (1) None expected.

Enclosures: (1) FY16 Tax Rate Summary
(2) Memo from the Town Administrator re the Tax Rate

The summary and memo contain more detail on the FY16 tax rate.

Consider a motion to set the FY16 tax rate as follows:

For Residential Property Taxpayers:

- *Municipal rate: \$0.5161*
- *Local agreement rate: \$0.0016*
- *Hinesburg Community School rate: \$1.1315*
- *CVU rate: \$0.5055*
- *TOTAL FY16 Residential Property Tax Rate = \$2.1548*

For Non-Residential Property Taxpayers:

- *Municipal rate: \$0.5161*
- *Local agreement rate: \$0.0016*
- *Non-Residential Education Tax Rate: \$1.6678*
- *TOTAL FY16 Non-Residential Property Tax Rate = \$2.1856*

5. Discussion on Interim Bylaws

Guests: (1) None expected.

Enclosures: (1) Draft interim bylaw language for discussion.
(2) Table – from the Town of Essex wastewater allocation ordinances showing equivalent user units and gallons per day.

The draft pulls from an earlier version and incorporates elements from the Planning Commission's letter. At the July 2nd meeting, there had been discussion about having an attorney that specializes in land use law review proposed interim regulations. Before getting to that level of review, there are two key questions to answer:

1. Does the Selectboard wish to enact interim bylaws?
2. What are the parameters of the interim bylaws (which zones are included, are there exceptions, etc.)?

The answers will shape what an attorney would be asked to review. If additional funds are needed beyond the Town's legal services budget, those should be identified (i.e. where the money would be re-appropriated from in the FY16 budget) prior to engaging outside counsel if possible.

The question about parameters is aimed at the Planning Commission's recommended exceptions. The exceptions tend to reflect priorities of the Town as expressed in various documents (such as the Town Plan). At the same time, the exceptions require water and wastewater capacity – capacity, or lack thereof, which is at the heart of the discussion and may not be available regardless.

The table included in the packets, pulled from wastewater ordinances adopted by the Town of Essex, shows allocation amounts for various uses. The purpose is to further illustrate how, from a water/wastewater capacity standpoint, the exceptions can quickly “add up.”

While elements of this project are part of the priority list (the “5+1” identified during the spring 2015 work session), interim bylaws are an unplanned work item. The focus on water and wastewater capacity and infrastructure ensures roles for the Selectboard and Town Administrator throughout the process. The potential effect is displacement of one or more of the previously identified priorities.

Action is not anticipated.

6. Consider a Letter of Support for Placement of the Town Forest on the National Register of Historic Places

Guests: (1) None expected.

Enclosures: (1) Email from Mike Potvin's re the Town Forest Committee's feedback on the nomination.

The email from Mike Potvin, chair of the Town Forest Committee, summarizes the committee's discussion and how the historic designation fits within the management plan. If the Board wishes, a letter of support (or the opposite) can be drafted and sent to Devin Coleman at the Division of Historic Preservation.

Consider a motion to send a letter supporting placement of the Town Forest on the National Register of Historic Places.

7. Town Administrator's Report

- a. *St. George Police and Fire Services Agreements* – There is a chance to finalize both of these on Thursday night. The Police agreement is proposed as another 1-year arrangement with moderate changes from the prior version (mostly dealing with the liability aspects). The Fire agreement proposes moving to a per capita charge multiplied by a five-year rolling average of actual expenses. The agenda may be revised prior to include consideration of these agreements, or a request may be made to modify the agenda on Thursday. The two agreements, as they currently exist (basically in a final format), are included. The St. George Selectboard is likely to act on both agreements Thursday evening as well.
- b. *Presentation of Stormwater Feasibility Study* – A presentation of this study by the folks at VHB (the consultant hired to perform the work) had initially been scheduled for July 16th. The Town has been asked to reschedule, and the presentation will likely be in August.
- c. *Lake Champlain Tactical Basin Plan* –Karen Bates, who is spearheading the basin plan project on behalf of the State, will meet with the Selectboard in August to discuss the plan and the process for developing it. As

a related reminder, feedback on the draft plan is due on or before July 24th. The following link will take you to the State's webpage for the project:

http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/planning/htm/pl_northernlcb.htm

- d. *Public information meeting on the stormwater regulations/peel vote* – The Town is required to hold a public hearing no more than 10 days prior to the vote. The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, July 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Main Hall of Town Hall. The vote is the following Tuesday (July 28th). Engineering Ventures was asked to provide updated estimated engineering costs for projects meeting the Town's adopted threshold (10,000 square feet of disturbed/impervious area vs. 1-acre/~44,000 square feet for the State). The latest estimate is between \$3,000 and \$6,000.
- e. *FY16 Water/Wastewater Rates* – This has been incorporated into the agenda for July 23rd (following the public hearing). The capital budget piece is not quite right yet. An agenda for July 23rd is included.
- f. *Lake Iroquois boat motor petition* – A group of citizens petitioned the State to prohibit boat motors larger than 25 horsepower on Lake Iroquois. The petition is being heard through the State's rulemaking process. The petition and other materials can be found at the following link:
<http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/rulemaking/htm/petitions.htm>
- g. *Employee Pay Rates* – These have been adjusted per the adopted FY16 budget. See the memo in the meeting packet for more information.
- h. *Village Steering Committee's plans for Memorial Park additions* – The latest proposed addition to the park is included. The question for the Board is whether or not they would like to discuss the proposed changes with the VSC, or have staff sort through the details.
- i. *Hinesburg Center Phase II wastewater allocation denial letter* – A copy of the denial letter is included.
- j. *"Crater and Barrel"* –The, "crater," as the depression in the Pond Brook Road/Richmond Road/Mechanicsville Road/CVU Road intersection was affectionately known, has been fixed. The, "barrel," as the pothole on lower Mechanicsville was known, has also been fixed.