

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
September 21, 2015

**DRAFT**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:27 p.m.

**Incident Command Systems (Emergency Management) Training**

Peter Coffey, ICS 402 instructor, led the training session.

This training ties into the adoption of the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) as well. At the conclusion of the training, attendees will officially be ICS 402 certified.

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Discussion – Possible Placement of the Town Forest on the National Register of Historic Places**

**Guests:** (1) Dr. Robert McCullough, Professor, University of Vermont Historic Preservation Program  
(2) Devin Coleman, State Architectural Historian, Vermont Division of Historic Preservation

Dr. McCullough reviewed the history of the work done on the application.

Devin said there is no federal control or oversight to the Town Forest as a result. This is just documentation recording the significance of a site.

Jon asked about any State regulations. Devin said ACT 250 is the only State regulation and logging is specifically exempt from ACT 250.

Phil moved the Board vote to support the placement of the Hinesburg Town Forest on the National Register of Historic Places by the Division of Historic Preservation. Second by Jon and approved with 5 yes votes.

**Consider Approving the FY15 Reserves**

Trevor reviewed the reserves with the Board.

Jon moved the Board vote to accept receipt and acknowledge review of the FY 15 reserves and capital reserves. Second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

**Town Administrator's Report**

- a. *Lafreniere Farm/Land Preservation Funds* – A request has been made by the Hinesburg Land Trust for \$15,000 in land preservation funds to assist with the purchase and preservation of the 307-acre Lafreniere Farm. The fund, as of this writing, has more than \$31,000. The Vermont Land Trust is also involved, and the bulk of the farm (208 acres) will be purchased by those farming the land for the past decade or so. The other chunk (99 acres) will be purchased by a neighboring farmer. Action (whether or not to approve the funds) is scheduled for the 10/5 meeting.
- b. *Water supply and treatment project update* – The project continues to move forward. The project team has met to discuss value engineering options and to make the necessary adjustments to ensure the project fits within the revised overall budget. The permitting piece has been complicated. Caught in the middle, unfortunately, is the Green Street affordable housing project, whose ability to secure funding is endangered by the potential project delays. At some point, the Town may find it useful to pursue a discussion with the appointed officials and staff from the Agency of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental

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Conservation to discuss how the State's process can and should be rather dramatically improved. The latest news Trevor had was that the Town may not have to go through the ACT 250 process which will move up the date to put the project out for bids.

- c. *Hollow Brook bridge/Tyler Bridge Road* – The State recently inspected the Hollow Brook bridge on Tyler Bridge Road as part of a regular two-year bridge inspection cycle. The structure itself is in good shape, however, the issue is that brook has begun to wash material away. That loss of material exposes the wingwall and places the bridge and roadway at some level of risk for damage during an adverse weather event. The general recommendation involves placement of rip rap in key spots, though a prior bridge inspection (2011) highlighted the need to remove gravel from the brook. Removal of the gravel is likely the provenance of the State's stream alteration personnel, who have expressed hesitancy about this particular tactic in the past. The brook itself has wandered, moving significantly over the course of the two prior decades (Highway Foreman Mike Anthony estimates the 20-year movement of the brook to be some 50'). The State's inspection letter is attached, and the Town needs to complete its action within 60 days of the receipt of the letter (placing response or reaction no later than mid-November). Trevor and Mike Anthony will complete respond with the plan of action.
- d. *Planning and Zoning Staffing* – The memo in the meeting packets lays out the current construct of the Planning and Zoning office.
- e. *Lake Champlain Tactical Basin Plan* – Karen Bates, a watershed planner from the State, will be with us on 10/5 to discuss the Basin Plan. A copy of the plan can be found at: [http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/planning/docs/mapp\\_2015b05tbp.pdf](http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/planning/docs/mapp_2015b05tbp.pdf)
- f. *Frequently Asked Questions* – This is a solicitation for entries for the, "Frequently Asked Questions," document proposed for the annual report. Any questions that come up often, please submit for possible inclusion.
- g. *Boards/Committees/Commissions and the 2015 Fall Festival* – In lieu of the art show in the Main Hall of Town Hall, the Harvest Festival will be featuring the work of the various boards, committees, and commissions, along with other the good work of other outside entities serving Hinesburg.

### **Selectboard items**

Andrea reported on the CCRPC presentation by the Dept of Environment Conservation. Regarding TMDL numbers the annual average will be used to figure phosphorous loading limits.

Introduction of a new regulation requiring a permit if you have 3 acres of impervious surface.

Jon asked Trevor about the work on the allocation ordinance. Trevor said it is moving along and should be finished by the end of the year. There will be some changes in language ready for review at the 10/5 meeting.

### **Consent Agenda**

Jon moved the Board vote to consider a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Phil moved to adjourn at 9:40, second by Jon and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary