

SELECTBOARD MEETING

10/05/15 **DRAFT**

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

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

Public Comment

Alan Norris questioned the holding fee he is paying for sewer allocation on his project. He feels it is not fair to have to pay for sewer when the Town is not able to provide the water allocation requested for his project. His allocation for water is held up by the Town moratorium.

The Board said they are willing to consider this and asked Trevor to contact Rocky Martin for more information on this issue.

It will be discussed again at the next meeting.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Interviews – Hinesburg Representative to the Lake Iroquois Recreation District (LIRD) Board

Jeff Davis, a homeowner on the lake and member of the Lake Iroquois Association Board, was present to apply for the vacant position of Hinesburg Representative to the LIRD Board.

Jeff expressed his interest in improving water quality of the lake as well as the other recreation opportunities offered by the Recreation District.

Jon moved the Board consider a motion to appoint Jeff Davis as Hinesburg's representative to the Lake Iroquois Recreation District Board. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Discussion with State Watershed Planner Karen Bates (Lake Champlain Tactical Basin Plan)

Karen Bates, watershed planner, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation presented the Board with facts about the basin plan / partnership groups / and funding sources.

She touched on the role the canal could play in improving the water quality of the LaPlatte.

The link leads to the most recent version of the tactical basin plan:

http://www.watershedmanagement.vt.gov/planning/docs/mapp_2015b05tbp.pdf

Consider Authorizing Use of Land Preservation Funds (Hinesburg Land Trust/Lafreniere Farm)

Tom Dillon was present to answer any questions the Board had regarding the request from 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 land will be purchased by Mr. Garvey and Mr. Guillmette and this will ensure dairy farming will continue on the land.

Phil moved the Board consider a motion to have the Town Administrator write a letter of support for the project by the Hinesburg Land Trust in conserving the Lafreniere farm. Second by Jon. Phil added to his motion to have the Town Administrator sign the letter and Jon accepted the addition. Motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

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Meadow Mist/Alan Norris – Request Related to Pursuit of a Sidewalk Grant

Alan Norris is requesting the Town apply for a grant for the sidewalk required for the Meadow Mist development project he is building. In approving the Meadow Mist project, the Development Review Board required a sidewalk to be constructed that links the development with the existing sidewalk network (near Hinesburg Community School).

Alan will work on getting the application for the grant completed for the Town

Any match required should be paid for, in its entirety, by the developer – who benefits significantly from an arrangement such as this and access to grant funding – up to a reasonable maximum limit. An estimate from earlier in the year placed the potential match on a grant (assuming 20%) at somewhere near \$36,000.

Consider Lease Renewal for Solar Trackers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Town's lease arrangement with All Earth Renewables expires at the end of November, and a one-year extension is proposed to allow the Town time to evaluate whether or not to purchase the trackers (and how that purchase could be accomplished).

The Board agrees the best option at this time is to renew the lease. After the lease is written by AER it will be submitted to the Board for review.

Discuss Possible Changes to the Water Use Ordinance

The Board and Rocky reviewed proposed changes to the ordinance. No action was taken at this meeting as there are still some questions to be worked out.

Consider Approving the Amended FY15 Capital Reserves

The Board reviewed proposed amended FY 15 capital reserves represented by a flow chart to help illustrate the FY 15 capital shortfalls and net results after amendments.

Jon moved the Board consider a motion to approve the amended FY15 capital reserves, FY15 miscellaneous reserves, and the FY15 water/wastewater reserves as presented. Second by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

Town Administrator's Report

- a. *Water Supply and Treatment Project Update* – After meeting Friday morning with staff from DEC to answer a slew of smaller technical questions, the current trajectory projects the attainment of a permit to construct (the significant remaining hurdle to going out to bid) in mid- to late-week of next week. A necessary stream alteration permit has been obtained, and the easements for the water line extension (towards the west, part of the capacity and source protection efforts) are nearly completed (one remains to be signed, as of this writing).
- b. *Hollow Brook Bridge/Tyler Bridge Road* – The Town received a stream alteration permit Wednesday to remove gravel from the brook and perform other necessary work (following a site visit). Mike Anthony and crew went to work on the project on Thursday. The Town's letter of response to VTrans will include a recap of the work done to reinforce the bank and remove gravel from the brook. VTrans had originally given the Town 60 days to respond with a plan of action; the action taken has been outlined in prior bridge inspection reports (including the most recent).

- c. *VLCT 2015 Town Fair Voting Delegate* – The VLCT Municipal Policy – the League’s legislative platform for the upcoming session – is adopted at Town Fair each year. Each municipality may appoint one individual to serve as its voting delegate. Jon moved the Board consider a motion to appoint Trevor Lashua as the voting delegate for Hinesburg at the VLCT 2015 Town Fair. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.
- d. *CCRPC Clean Water Advisory Committee* – Please see the email from Charlie Baker, the executive director of the Chittenden Regional Planning Commission.
- e. *Trails Committee Resignation* – Peter Van Vranken’s letter of resignation is included with the meeting materials.
- f. *Staffing* – Mitch Cypes (new Zoning Administrator) and Lenore Budd (new Planning and Zoning administrative assistant) started this week. Renae Marshall (special projects coordinator, etc.) has moved full-time to the Town Administrator’s office. Annie Geratowski (the new DRB Coordinator) is scheduled to arrive on October 13th.
- g. *Village North sidewalk* – The environmental review portion of VTrans’ project review/advancement process has concluded. The project continues to advance with the goal of construction in the summer of 2016. There may be a need to seek a second grant for the project, as the delays in the review process and a change in the cost of the bridge have increased the overall cost.
- h. *Highway Garage scoping study* – The project team convened with SAS architects this week to review project progress to date, including a look at draft versions of a site plan, elevations, and floor plan.
- i. *Creekside Association/Halloween street closure request* – The request to close the streets in Creekside for Halloween is included on the consent agenda for action.
- j. *Hinesburg Center Phase II and wastewater allocation* – Mr. Grabowski has appealed the Town’s denial of a wastewater allocation request for Hinesburg Center Phase II. An executive session may be needed at a future meeting, as it is anticipated that the court will encourage the parties to find a mediated solution.

Selectboard items

Jon asked about the fog lines that need to be painted. Trevor will look into this.

Tom noted the Bissonnette field project plan to break ground by Spring. He also announced the annual January fund raiser.

Andrea wanted to thank all who worked to make the Hinesburg Fall Festival a success.

Consent agenda

Phil moved to approve the consent agenda minus approval of minutes and delegate appointment. Second by Jon and approved with 5 yes votes.

Phil moved the Board adjourn at 10:00 p.m., second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary