

SELECTBOARD MEETING

01/04/16

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

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

There were no public comments.

Agenda item #6 was moved to follow the Town Clerk/Treasurer budget proposal.

FY17 Budget Presentations and Discussion

Missy Ross reviewed budget requests. No major changes with the exception of the Elections budget increase as result of 2 extra elections.

Consider Approving an Increase in Dog Licensing Fees

Missy explained that the State increased the portion of license fees remitted to them by \$1 in July and is requesting an increase of Hinesburg's fees of \$1 regardless of whether or not the dog is spayed or neutered. The new fee would be \$10.00.

Jon moved the Board consider a motion to set dog licensing fees at \$10 per dog. Second by Tom and approved with 4 yes votes.

Continue Budget Presentations

Mike Potvin, Chair, Town Forest Committee. Mike addressed changes to the management plan of 2012 the Committee is proposing. Mike B said the Board will schedule review for that topic at a later meeting.

Mike P said the Committee is asking for an additional \$5,000 to do a timber management plan. Andrea pointed out the County Forester is supposed to provide a timber management plan and though there is a change in personnel we should still be able to get one. Mike P said the Committee's focus has been on trails and recreation and they plan to focus on management of the assets of the forest this next year.

Paul Lamberson presented the Carpenter-Carse Library proposed budget. Paul prepared financial statements for the library showing investments and non-tax income. The Board thanked Paul as they found this helpful in understanding the finances of the library. The Board then reviewed the budget proposal. Sue Bardon addressed the increased hours of operation as well as the increase for books/ all media.

Karen Walton of CCTA spoke about exploring new routes in Hinesburg to include service to the trailer parks on Richmond and North Roads. Carla Munson said while ridership had dropped several months ago it is now increasing again.

Pat Suozzi and Jamie Carroll, Lake Iroquois Association. Discussed was the possibility of LIRD being the co-applicant for the grant. Matthew Probasco spoke about the proposal to control milfoil and success of other lakes in Vermont.

Andrea will work with the LIA to include all four towns and the LIRD on this project.

Alex Weinhagen, Director, Planning and Zoning Department. Alex sent a memo to the Board addressing the FY16 current year projects and listing the FY17 proposed projects. Included is a request for \$4,500 to hire a consultant to assist in a complete overhaul of the zoning regulations. Alex will at Andrea's suggestion seek funding as well as staff support from CCRPC.

Trevor reviewed the Tax Assessor proposed budget. As previously explained and expected professional services for FY 17 is zero.

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Proposed dates for continued budget work.

- January 11th – Final committee visits (Agency Request Review Committee); budget work session #1.
- January 18th – Budget work session #2.
- January 25th – Set budget and capital improvement program/budget; warn Town Meeting.

Consider Authorizing an Application for CCRPC UPWP Funding (zoning regulations “overhaul”)

The application seeks \$2,500 from the UPWP for 50 hours of CCRPC staff time to assist on the project. The overall project estimate, as shown in the application, is \$32,500. The bulk of the project cost is for a consultant to be hired to perform the work. The Town’s available funding, if the FY17 budget is approved by voters, should total \$12,000 (\$7,500 in reserves, combined with \$4,500 in FY17 funds). The remaining \$18,000 will be sought from a municipal planning grant to be applied for in 2017.

Jon moved the Board consider a motion to authorize the application for inclusion in and funding from the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission’s unified planning work program for FY17, and to authorize the Selectboard chair to sign the letter of support for the application. Second by Andrea and approved with 4 yes votes.

Town Administrator’s Report

- a. *Rescue Pumper arrival* – The new rescue pumper for the Hinesburg Fire Department arrived on Monday, December 28, 2015. The rescue pumper replaces two fire vehicles (Rescue 1 and Engine 1). The two vehicles being replaced will be sold, and the proceeds used to pay for outfitting of the new truck and capital improvements at the fire station (such as an underdrain for the garage floor). The replacements and purchase are in accordance with the Town’s overall capital improvement program and budget.
- b. *Vermont Gas eminent domain proceedings* – The proceedings, scheduled for Wednesday 12/30 in the St. George municipal building, were cancelled. No new date and time has been set as of this writing. The general purpose of the proceedings is, for Hinesburg, is to approve the prior agreement by and between the Town and Vermont Gas.

Selectboard items:

Andrea gave an update on the Town Garage project. They met with the architect and looked at the site and the proposed building, including addressing stormwater with the new site plan. CSWD drop off center will remain in Hinesburg.

Consent agenda:

Andrea moved the Board vote to approve the consent agenda including warrants and amended minutes of 12/21. Second by Tom and approved with 4 yes votes.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 by Tom, second by Andrea and approved with 4 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary