

HINESBURG SELECTBOARD
February 15, 2016
Minutes

Present: Michael Bissonette, Chair; Phil Pouech, Vice-Chair; Andrea Morgante; Jonathan Trefry; Tom Ayer; Trevor Lashua, Town Administrator; and attached list.

Michael called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

Water/Wastewater Ordinances – Task Force update

Jonathan, Phil, and Trevor provided an update on the work of the task force reviewing and revising the water and wastewater ordinances.

Public Comment

There was no public comment offered from the audience.

Agenda Additions/Deletions/Changes

Andrea removed the minutes of the prior meeting (2/1) from the consent agenda.

Michael added a “9a” to the agenda, in the event the gas pipeline discussions required more time.

Interviews for Boards/Committees/Commissions

The Board interviewed the following candidates for openings on boards, committees, and commissions: Rolf Kielman (Development Review Board alternate); Walter Hausermann (Economic Development); Bob Hyams (Conservation Commission); Shannon Kelly (Conservation Commission); and Oren Guttmann (Trails Committee).

Phil moved, and Jonathan seconded, a motion to appoint Rolf Kielman as an alternate to the Development Review Board for a term expiring January 1, 2018. The motion passed 4-1 (Michael opposed).

Tom moved, and Phil seconded, a motion to appoint Walter Hausermann to a three-year term on the Economic Development Committee. The motion passed 5-0.

Phil moved, and Andrea seconded, a motion to appoint Bob Hyams to the Conservation Commission for a four-year term expiring in 2020. The motion passed 5-0.

Andrea moved, and Tom seconded, a motion to appoint Shannon Kelly to the Conservation Commission for a four-year term expiring in 2020. The motion passed 5-0.

Tom moved, and Andrea seconded, a motion to appoint Oren Guttmann to the Trails Committee for a three-year term expiring in 2019. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion with Conservation Commission re VT Gas Pipeline and Geprags Park

The Conservation Commission requested time with the Selectboard to discuss the status of the proposed natural gas pipeline crossing Geprags Park.

An overview of the proposed agreement between the Town and VT Gas related to an eminent domain proceeding was given. A lengthy discussion ensued covering the Public Service Board process elements, local process elements, whether or not the pipeline is a public good, whether or not the pipeline crossing through Geprags Park is appropriate, whether or not VT Gas would commence construction prior to

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51 execution of the agreement, and whether or not the Town could request an extension to the period in
52 which individuals and groups could file for intervenor status.¹

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54 Michael recessed the pipeline conversation, to be resumed as 9a, in order to move the Board through
55 remaining business items.

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57 Discuss Town Meeting Budget “Assignments”

58 Town Meeting “assignments” were determined as follows:

59 • Michael – Introduction and overview

60 • Tom – General Government

61 • Jonathan – Fire

62 • Andrea – Highway

63 • Phil – Police

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65 FY16 Budget Status Report and Discussion

66 The Board reviewed a spreadsheet showing the current status of the FY16 budget. A future discussion
67 will include identification of potential problem areas as well as savings or offsets in other areas. The
68 report will also become a monthly feature of Board meetings.

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70 Discussion with Conservation Commission re VT Gas Pipeline and Geprags Park (RESUMED)

71 See lines 47-52 for additional information on the discussion, and refer to footnote #1.

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73 Andrea moved, and Jon seconded, to ask the Town Attorney whether or not the timeline for the filing of a
74 motion to intervene could be extended by 10 days, and if so, to make said request to the Public Service
75 Board. The motion passed 4-1 (Tom opposed).

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77 The agreement, exhibits, and answer from the Town Attorney will all be posted to the Town’s website.

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79 Town Administrator’s Report

80 Trevor provided the Town Administrator’s report.

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82 Selectboard Forum

83 Andrea requested that agendas be posted to Front Porch Forum.

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85 Consent Agenda

86 Jonathan moved, and Phil seconded, a motion to approve the warrants, including payroll warrants. The
87 motion passed 5-0.

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89 Andrea presented proposed changes to the minutes of the February 1st meeting. Tom moved, and Jonathan
90 seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of February 1st as amended. The motion passed 5-0.

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92 Phil moved, and Tom seconded, a motion to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. The motion passed 5-0.

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94 Respectfully submitted,

95 Trevor M. Lashua, Town Administrator

¹ Draft minutes of Selectboard meetings are not a transcript of events. To view the discussion in full, and to see the comments and questions offered by those attending, please visit <http://www.vermontcam.org/series/hinesburg-selectboard> and look for the 2/15/16 meeting.