



To: The Hinesburg Selectboard
From: Trevor M. Lashua, Town Administrator
Date: July 6, 2016
Re: Town Administrator's report for the July 7, 2016 Selectboard meeting

FY17 Tax Rate – The Town received notice of education tax rates from the State, and with some adjustments to the municipal components the Selectboard will be asked to set the FY17 tax rate at the July 21st meeting.

Water supply and treatment project – Facility construction is substantially complete. Telemetry continues to slow progress towards the completion of the treatment and supply components, as additional electrical work is required. The new wells have supplied water to system users in recent days, as the utilities crew has operated the nanofiltration unit manually. During the days the new wells have been in operation, they have been used to fill the storage tank. Once the telemetry system is squared away, and the plant has run in “automatic” mode, the State has indicated it will issue the new permit to operate.

Hannaford – Each of the three main parties (Hannaford, the Town, and the appellant group including Responsible Growth Hinesburg) has used the Rule 59 proceedings to file with the Environmental Court. According to the Town Attorney, there was agreement by all parties on at least one point: the contempt for the traffic light required by the judge at the intersection of Route 116 and Mechanicsville Road. There is not a timeline for a decision; an appeal to the Vermont Supreme Court would follow should any of the parties choose.

Lake Champlain TMDL and WWTF permitting – The initial permit schedule has Hinesburg's wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) permit slated for review in 2018.

Solar siting and screening regulations – Just a quick reminder that we are planning to discuss the Planning Commission's proposal again in the coming weeks. Please let us know if there are any questions or concerns to be ready to discuss.

Bissonette Family Recreation Fields construction – Road and parking lot construction began last week. We continue to work on ways (i.e. funding) to construct at least one of the fields planned within existing or expected resources.

FY17 Pay rates memo – Included in the packet.

Old Police Station sale update – Exact timing is still to be determined on remaining components (listed briefly in this paragraph), which we will shore up and put in its own memo. The Creekside Community Association executive board has “ok'd” the revised agreement changes and is willing to sign the stormwater permit (we are working on scheduling a time to do that). The water/wastewater supply permit is still not resolved – the expectation is that its arrival is imminent, though this is a,

“believe when seen,” scenario. The buyers are working on a revised signage plan for submittal to Act 250.

Village North sidewalk – To quote from a recent email from Jeff Glassberg (on behalf of Wind NRG Partners, LLC): “On behalf of Jan Blomstrann, I’m writing to confirm that Wind NRG Partners, LLC is eager to work with the Town and ANR to facilitate issuance of a Vermont Wetland Permit (VWP) suitable to allow for construction of the Village North Sidewalk project as designed by Lamoureux and Dickinson, including the creation of a mitigation area within the delineated wetland and/or buffer in the vicinity of Patrick Brook on the remaining lands owned or controlled by Wind NRG Partners. To that end, we have engaged Carla Fenner of VHB who has assisted us in completing our due diligence regarding this approach, and with whom we have contracted to work in cooperation with the Town and L&D to facilitate issuance of the VWP. Specifically, we have asked VHB to prepare an exhibit for inclusion with the VWP that will visually represent the proposed wetland and buffer impacts from the sidewalk as well as a depiction of the mitigation area. In addition, to supplement that exhibit, VHB will prepare a Mitigation Plan in the form of a brief technical memorandum that will summarize the proposed area, demarcation, terms and activities that would occur therein. It is our expectation that the exhibit and the Mitigation Plan would be attached to the VWP.”