



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2016

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Attending the Meeting: Mike Bissonette, Phil Pouech, Tom Ayer, Aaron Kimball, Andrea Morgante, Trevor Lashua, Renae Marshall, and attached list.

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

There was no public comment or changes to the agenda.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS for BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION OPENINGS

Phil moved the Board consider a motion to appoint Heidi Turner to a three-year term to expire 1/01/19 to the Recreation Commission. Second by Aaron.

Heidi has been to several Recreation Commission meetings and helped with July 4th activities.

Motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

Aaron moved the Board consider a motion to appoint Richard Hopwood to the Energy Committee for a term to expire on 1/01/18. Second by Phil.

Richard said he is involved in the renewable energy business. Tom asked him about his views on affordability of renewables and other energy options. Richard said he is interested in educating the community and feels other energy sources also play a part in the knowledge to meet the goals of the Town Plan.

Motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

Phil moved the Board consider a motion to appoint Rolf Kielman to a three-year term on the DRB expiring 1/01/19. Second by Aaron. Rolf said he has been serving as an alternate for some time and would like to be a full member.

Motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

CONSIDER SETTING FY 17 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

Erik B advised there in no change proposed in the water rate. WW fixed \$10.00 increase per quarter and metered.035 per cubic foot.

Andrea asked regarding water if the rate will be enough to cover the cost for 5 years and said allocation fees need to go toward improvements.

Phil moved the Board consider a motion to approve

Andrea wanted to know how the users will be notified of the new rates and to include an explanation in the bill educating how the rate is configures.

New rates will be effective in the next billing cycle.

Motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

CONSIDER APPOINTING THE TOWN HEALTH OFFICER

Tom moved the Board consider a motion to recommend the reappointment of Joe Gannon as Hinesburg’s Town Health Officer to the Vermont Department of Health. Second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

CONSIDR APPROVING CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY

Trevor explained that suspension with pay is currently at 15 days which limits the Town’s ability to utilize this in some cases.

The Board discussed changing to a period not to exceed 30 work days and the Town Administrator will notify the Select Board in writing when an employee is on suspension with pay and may request additional time if necessary.

Phil moved the Board consider a motion to change the wording accordingly in the Town Personnel Policy, second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

DISCUSS PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OFFERED by VERMONT GAS to the TOWN and INTERVENORS

Aaron asked how long will reflagging and the additional wetland review take. Trevor said it is unknown how long.

Andrea asked if amended and State review and then the appeal period there are time limits on each piece.

Mike B asked Tom M of VT Gas to explain the horizontal directional drilling.

Tom M said it would go under the wetland areas and does not disturb the wetland which is what the Conservation Commission has been looking for.

Phil asked if the State determines to protect the wetlands and horizontal drilling is done that should not take away the any compensation to the Town.

Andrea asked if there is any penalty fee for not doing proper wetlands delineation to VHB or VT Gas.

Melanie P asked about the payments in the agreement. If the pipeline never goes into service the 2nd payment of \$250,000 does not happen. She also asked if previously unidentified wetlands stretches onto other properties. And does VT Gas expect to have to change the time frame. Also wanted to know why the intervenors are involved in any agreement.

Nancy B asked if there will be a hydrologist to check the depth of the wetlands regarding the depth of the pipe so as not to drain the wetland.

Tom M said it will be officially engineered.

Stephanie M asked about the welders and if they are union pipe fitters held to national standards.

Tom M replies they are all certified union pipe fitters and there is a State inspector on site.

Bill M said the intervenors had a meeting earlier in the evening and considers the proposal premature. He says VT Gas has no authority to trench where they propose. In speaking for the Conservation Commission the goal is to move the easement.

Bob H said until we know what the State is going to require to VT Gas no decision should be made. We need very detailed performance measures and possibly bonding for the drilling.

Alison L asked about a contingency plan in place for drilling.

Bob H asked about maintenance. Tom M said there will be light trail maintenance not wide path clearing.

Bob H said the restoration plan does not spell out specific responsibility and measures and the cc still has concerns on the deed of easement.

Andrea asked Bob is he had a better alternative. Bob said there is faulty delineation and there is the need to come together to say this is what we want to see for the park and how the agreement should be structured.

Ray M asked where was the Conservation Commission when the route was proposed – they had three years to work on a route change. He said trenching will provide an excellent training opportunity for regrowth of vegetation.

Rachael S said to talk about this before we have information from the State is a waste of time. She asked Tom M about contract problems she heard about. Tom said they have switched to Michaels Company for the drilling and are pleased with their work.

Linda G said it is premature to make a decision before delineation of the wetlands.

Melanie asked her question about the wetlands stretching onto other properties. Tom M said they are not aware of that happening. Josh S said they just finished re delineating and it is too early to comment.

Melanie asked her question about involvement of the intervenors. Tom M since they intervened in the eminent domain process they are now involved in the agreement.

Tom M noted regarding the 2nd payment the Town can look at that question in discussions.

Bob T said there is nothing in the agreement about the Richmond Road line.

Tom M said that agreement still stays with either selected agreement.

Nancy Lee R said an agreement should not be accepted and we should hire an attorney and environmentalist to look at this.

Tom A asked what the Conservation Commission wants done to satisfy them and the reply was the Conservation Commission never took a position to oppose the pipeline.

Andrea moved the Board consider a motion that the Town hires a wetlands ecologist to work on behalf of the Town to come up with an agreement to meet the management goals of Geprag and permit regulations of VT. Second by Phil.

Motion voted; Andrea in favor, Phil, Aaron, Mike B and Tom opposed. Motion failed.

SELECT BOARD ITEMS

Tom reported the road at the Bissonette Rec field is done and they hope to start work on the field in the fall.

Aaron noted another successful 4th of July celebration and fundraising.

Andrea asked when the Board the allocation policy. She also suggested a public presentation on the status of the Town Garage project.

Aaron suggested the Board look to set a date for their retreat and the open meeting law training that is needed.

Andrea asked about employee performance evaluations. Trevor said other than his they have not been done for several years. He works directly with department heads on all employee aspects.

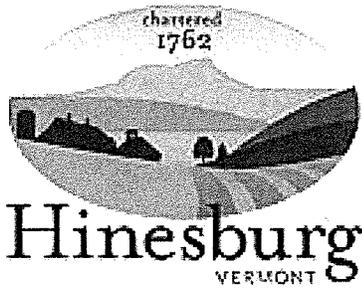
MINUTES and WARRANTS

Aaron moved the Board vote to consider a motion to approve the minutes of 6/16/16 and 6/23/16 and to approve the warrants, including payroll warrants, as submitted by the Town Treasurer. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Tom moved to adjourn at 9:40 p.m., second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, secretary

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Sign-in Sheet

July 7th, 2016

1. Dorothy Pellett

2. Tom Murray

3. Josh Sky

4. Jen McCuin

5. Jonas Duff

6. Heidi Turner

7. Jenna Spencer

8. Minton Jeffrey

9. Mike John

10. LINDA GABE

11. Will Dotze

12. SHANNON KELLY

13. Ray Mainer

14. CHRIS LEFORCE

15. PAUL KIRKMAN

16. Richard Smith

17. [Signature]

18. Alison Lesure

19. Bob Hyams

20. Nancy Baber

21. John White

22. Merib Lovell

23. Mary Beth Brown

24. Stephan Mural

25. Nancy Dee Ross

26. Jan Kledaisch

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