



Town of Hinesburg

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Water Supply Improvement Project Info – October 2014

The Hinesburg Select Board has warned a bond vote for November 4, 2014 for the acquisition of two new wells, construction of the necessary related infrastructure (pump house, filtration systems, etc.), and connection to the existing water distribution system.

The \$1,500,000 would be borrowed from the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund through the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. The payments made by the Town would be in annual installments of approximately \$100,000. The interest rate is 3%. The projected impact on water system customers is a “work in progress,” though an initial estimate pegs the increase at \$125 per year, or \$10.42 per month. Those estimates are conservative, as they do not consider the potential impact of new water users, implementation of an allocation fee (for new users, similar to the wastewater allocation fee), State or Federal funds made available, or the use of MTBE settlement funds. The bond would be paid for by the net revenues from the water system, not by property taxes.

The Town’s drinking water is supplied by groundwater wells. The capacity of the existing wells has diminished and is less than the minimum required by the State of Vermont. In addition, the Town cannot provide any new water service connections. The proposed improvements will provide sufficient capacity to satisfy the Town’s immediate water supply needs with some capacity for near-term system expansion.

The bond vote is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2014 – the same day as the General Election. Voting will be done by Australian ballot. Polls, located in the Main Hall of the Hinesburg Town Hall (10632 Vermont Route 116), will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. While only one public hearing is required by statute, three are scheduled: 10/06/14, 10/20/14, and 11/03/14. The public hearings will all begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Hall of the Hinesburg Town Hall.

If approved, construction could begin by April 2015 with the water system brought online by September 2015.