



Select Board

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Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2018

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Attending the Meeting: Phil Pouech, Aaron Kimball, Merrily Lovell, Tom Ayer, Andrea Morgante, Renae Marshall, Joy Dubin Grossman, Frank Koss, Caleb Casco, Al Barber, Lynne Jaurieh, Adam Bunting, Garin Frost, Marie Gardner, and Lynn Gardner

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

There were no changes to the agenda or public comment.

Honoring Marie Gardner

Phil on behalf of the Board recognized and thanked Marie Gardner for her many years of service to the Town most recently as Assessor.

School Resource Office (SRO) Discussion with Champlain Valley School District

Adam Bunting, CVU principal, and Chief Frank Koss discussed the proposal by the school district and the cost estimates for Hinesburg done by Frank.

The district is proposing a 75/25 split for funding the officer who would have a contract to work for the district for 190 days. Adam said 80% to 90% of the time the officer would be at CVU and the remainder at other schools in the district.

Andrea said she has reservations on this, primarily that it has not been included in the Hinesburg budget and whether in the Town budget or School District budget should not move ahead without full disclosure and understanding of the impact on the budgets, she is not comfortable going ahead without voter input. She noted that Frank's cost summary does not include administrative costs, uniforms or a vehicle. She is not convinced the SRO needs to be a Hinesburg officer and feels this could be an opportunity for the three departments (Hinesburg, Shelburne and Williston) to work on a collaborative approach to public safety in all the towns. She feels this is a response to what happened nationally and in Vermont last spring and not convinced having a SRO would help in those instances. She strongly believes we need support in the schools for the mental and social wellbeing of the

students but is not convinced a police officer is the best to address the needs of those students. Andrea said the State has made funds available to the schools and sending schools are receiving quite a bit of money and she wonders what that money will be used for.

Renae noted regarding the budget funding timing would be closer to FY 20 due to the school year. The commitment would be now and the funds not till the next budget.

Phil asked Adam if approved by the school board how fast they plan to have an officer in place. Adam said it would depend on the hiring process but they want to act quickly. Phil added the voters have not had the chance to see this expense in the school budget either.

Tom said he is not sold that the Hinesburg's Department should bear the 25% cost. He totally supports an officer in all schools. He suggests sharing the duties with the other police departments. Tom noted that he does not feel residents would support hiring another officer at this time.

Frank replied he does not feel this is a response to what happened in Fair Haven but because Adam as principal sees the value and embraces the idea. Frank added regarding Tom's idea of sharing an officer, Hinesburg cannot assign an officer for a month and take them out of the work rotation.

Merrily said she is very much in favor and sees the value of an officer building a relationship with the students but questions the financing. Merrily made the point that Hinesburg is taking calls from CVU now and is that an unfair burden just because they are located in Hinesburg. She said every Town Meeting there are questions about the police budget and how many officers the Town needs. A town like Shelburne might have need for a summer officer.

Aaron said conceptually it makes sense. He does wonder why now and why this urgency. CVU wants an SRO and is willing to pay for it, Hinesburg does not have use for a summer officer but maybe there is an opportunity for CVU or the district to find use for the officer's time for the entire year. In doing so the costs are shared by all the CVU towns.

Phil said it would not be fair to the voters to change what has been presented to them stating that growth in the department is not needed.

Shelburne and Williston are currently looking to hire.

Caleb addressed the need for a police vehicle for the SRO officer and some options on funding.

Andrea suggested looking at contracts other schools have with an SRO.

Phil said the Select Board could open up for input from residents but first need some firm numbers regarding costs. Merrily said her impression is the School District wants a commitment now and Shelburne and Williston have said they could partner with the district. By the time Hinesburg figures out how and if they can do this there might be an agreement from Shelburne or Williston. Adam said that is a possibility.

Action Item for Board Members - Phil asked Board members to forward their questions to Renae for further discussion at the next meeting.

Consider Changes to Appendix E of Water Use Ordinance (Annual Allocation Pool Designation)

Discussed at the last meeting was changing the designation numbers in category 2 for residential at 7,500 gpd and enterprise at 2,500 gpd.

Andrea moved to adopt Appendix E as part of the Water Use Ordinance Annual Allocation Pool Designation. Second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

The Board reviewed the list of “grandfathered” allocations provided by Erik Bailey. The Board is asking for further clarification, as there were discrepancies in the approved allocated numbers.

Consider Approving Water/Wastewater Applications Received

Andrea moved to approve the application of Hinesburg Center Phase II for water allocation for the amounts specified in the application dated July 12, 2018. Renae noted the application is for water and sewer. The Board said they previously approved the sewer and Phil added if it was not done it is to be included with this action.

Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Consider Repayment Contract from Frost Beer Works

Garin Frost, of Frost Beer Works, was present to answer any questions regarding the proposed contract for a payment plan for allocation.

Tom moved to accept the agreement between Frost Investment Group LLC and the Town of Hinesburg for payment of the allocation fee. Second by Aaron.

Andrea suggested including the number of gpd allocated. It was agreed to include reference back to the application and have the agreement attached to the application. Motion voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

Town Administrator Report

Renae reported at the meeting with **Chittenden Solid Waste District** last Friday the Town was informed that CSWD is not ready to apply to the DRB and likely will not be till next Spring. Renae updated them with the Highway Garage project and again said Hinesburg wants them to return. CSWD is looking to have a public forum. Andrea suggested jointly host the public forum as soon as can be arranged. The site for CSWD to use will be ready the beginning of October for construction, the Select

Board has worked with them and indicated the Town's desire to have them here. Merrily asked if a letter can be sent to residents to get the information out to them. Renae said we can schedule a meeting and let residents know at that time. Tom said he is frustrated with the incorrect information being given the residents regarding the Select Board role in the process. Discussed was to put the letter in the Hinesburg Record, the Citizen and mail to all residents.

Action Item - Phil proposed he, Andrea, Renae, Joy and Town representative to CSWD continue work on a draft letter and have Renae reach out to Sarah Reeves of CSWD to set a date for the public forum. Final inspection for the Highway Garage is planned for next week.

Village North Sidewalk – Renae contacted CCRPC who said there are no available funds in the Bike / Pedestrian program available meaning the Town would need to reapply or come up with the funding difference. Renae contacted Jan of NRG to update her of the situation. Currently if using asphalt there is a shortfall of approximately \$70,000. Andrea noted this is not Town money but Federal and private funds to construct the sidewalk.

Wastewater Plant RFQ's for Engineering Services. Only two firms responded so the date was extended and the Town then received three more proposals. Aldrich and Elliot Engineering Services were selected.

The Town received a **stormwater invoice for the sidewalk/bike path from the post office to CVU Road.** Renae met with VHB regarding a system designed by them regarding maintenance needed for that system. Five storm events were supposed to be monitored and Renae finds nothing to support that being done. Renae is exploring options on how to proceed with that.

A resident on **Mechanicsville Road** contacted the Town regarding a situation with a **street light** giving off too much light to her house. Renae had Chief Koss speak with her and a neighbor. The result was a request to have the light turned off. The resident contacted the power company who advised her any request from the Town to turn it off or shield the light needs to come from the Town.

Department head meetings have been going well. Phil suggested Select Board members attend a meeting.

Select Board Forum

Tom noted he does not have the time to dedicate to being on the **water allocation committee** but Aaron has agreed to serve in his place.

Tom expressed his disappointment in the **damage to the Bissonette Fields.** Multi-purpose field #2 is ready for seed. Basic prep work on the little league field is done and should be ready for seed in a few weeks.

Phil raised the idea of having a **trash receptacle in a few places along the sidewalks.** Merrily said she brought it up to Conservation Commission and everyone felt it would not work for various reasons. Tom said perhaps in the Village in a few locations it would work.

Phil said he toured the **water treatment plant**. There is one pump that has no back up and it would be good to ask especially with budget season coming up if there is need to plan for a replacement pump.

Review Minutes of August 2, 2018

Aaron moved to approve the minutes of August 2, 2018 as amended, second by Merrily and approved with 5 yes votes.

Warrants

Aaron moved to approve the warrants, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer. Second by Andrea and approved with 5 yes votes.

Executive Session

Andrea moved that the Select Board enter Executive Session under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(3). Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Andrea moved the Select Board go into executive session to include Renae and Joy as premature public disclosure would jeopardize the Town's legal position on issues of personnel and legal matters regarding the court on the Gilman Road clean up. Second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Andrea moved to come out of executive session, second by Tom and approved with 5 yes votes.

Andrea moved to adjourn at 10:06 p.m., second by Aaron and approved with 5 yes votes.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board