

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

2 February 16, 2022

3 Attending the meeting remotely: Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Phil Pouech, Dennis Place, Mike Loner,  
4 Todd Odit, Joy Dubin Grossman, Dan Baldwin, Nick Smith, Lenore Budd, Derick Read, Erik Bailey, Cindy  
5 Reid, Andrew Dennison, Kevin Worden, Nick Baker, Brett Grabowski, Alex Weinhausen,

6 Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. via zoom

7 Agenda Additions or Deletions

8 Item 11, engine #3 replacement, was removed from the agenda.

9 Public Comment

10 Merrily noted the Selectboard received correspondence from Andrew Dennison. His comments are in  
11 tonight's Selectboard packet.

12 Selectboard Forum

13 Phil noted his appreciation to Todd and Joy on their communicating with Board members over the last  
14 couple of weeks keeping them informed.

15 Merrily said she received a message from a Hinesburg resident (Sarah Williston) who read the article in  
16 the Citizen about the last meeting. Particularly that Merrily was interested in a smaller design for lot 1.  
17 This individual is starting her own landscape design business, she would like to have a chance to be  
18 considered. Merrily sent her information to Alex. The PC is putting together proposals to include the  
19 changes made at the last meeting. Alex said he will send a copy to Sarah.

20 Approve Minutes of 2/2/22

21 Phil moved to approve the minutes of 2/2/22 with any agreed upon changes. Seconded by Mike and  
22 approved with 5 yes votes.

23 Planning Commission Interview – Dan Baldwin

24 Dan said he recently moved back to Vermont. He is looking to help the Town with rules and regulations  
25 around growth as growth done correctly can benefit all.

26 Maggie asked if he has any thoughts with the current zoning on what is working or anything he noticed  
27 might need work.

28 Dan said he has not looked that closely at the standards yet. He has looked at the master plan for some  
29 neighborhoods and saw some possible concerns such as cut thru roads and possible diversion of traffic  
30 through what could be neighborhoods.

31 Phil said he liked Dan's history in Hinesburg, then living elsewhere and returning can add to the PC  
32 looking at the future.

33 Maggie moved to appoint Dan Baldwin to the Planning Commission for a term to expire 1/1/2026.  
34 Seconded by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

35 Allocation Requests

36 Dennis recused himself for these items.

37 Phil moved to convene as the Board of Water and Wastewater Commissioners. Seconded by Mike and  
38 approved with 4 yes votes.

39 Erik Bailey said the Town has the allocations to give.

40 Consider Approval of Kelley's Field Water and Sewer Allocation Request

41 Phil noted this will be from Category 1 which is a priority and the Town has assigned this for a long time

42 Phil moved to approve the allocation request of 2,625 gpd of water for the Kelley's Field project.  
43 Seconded by Mike. Phil amended the motion to include 2,625 gpd of wastewater. Amendment  
44 accepted by Mike. Motion voted and approved with 4 yes votes.

45 Consider Approval of Laster Water and Sewer Allocation Request

46 Phil said while this is a newer project it meets the Town Plan and is the type of development in this area  
47 the Town is looking for.

48 Phil moved to approve Joseph Laster's project request for an allocation of 1,260 gpd for wastewater and  
49 2,460 gpd for water for the 9-lot subdivision. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 4 yes votes.

50 Consider Approval of Hinesburg Center II Water and Sewer Allocation Request

51 Erik said the request is for 1,680 gpd water and 1,260 gpd sewer from Category 1 as it is for affordable  
52 housing. Also requesting 9,783 gpd water and 8,543 sewer from Category 2.

53 There was a question on the affordable housing units. Brett Grabowski said there will be 8 new  
54 affordable units created which will be located in the 34 unit building. Some of the affordable units will  
55 be getting allocation from Category 2.

56 Mike asked why limiting to 2-bedroom units when 3 bedroom units are just as needed. Brett said there  
57 will be studio, 1- and 2-bedroom units. Mike replied but no 3-bedroom or single-family homes. Brett  
58 said single family homes can be problematic in trying to provide that at the affordable level in  
59 perpetuity.

60 Phil commented that where the units are included is not a matter for the Water and Wastewater  
61 Commissioners, that will be worked out with the DRB.

62 Phil moved to approve the allocation request for 9,783 gpd of water and 8,543 gpd sewer from Category  
63 2. 1680 gpd water and 1,260 gpd sewer from Category 1 for this project. Merrily seconded. Merrily  
64 asked about the allocation from Categories being for affordable units. Phil said this is what we are  
65 allocating. Some is from Category 1 (affordable) and some from the general category. Based on those  
66 allocations it says a portion is for affordable housing.

67 Erik agreed with Phil's comment about the DRB decision on location of the affordable units.

68 Erik wanted it noted that all the preliminary allocations being given tonight are pending on payment of  
69 the application fees.

Nick S asked if it possible for the Selectboard to consider minor deviations for these allocations so they don't have to come back for the Category 1 and 2 combinations. There is the possibility of needing less Category 1 and more Category 2.

Phil said the Board is allocating out of the two categories and does not think it can be given slush one way or the other. The Board can change the amount that is in these categories at any time. He suggests to move forward with the project and if adjustment is needed come back. He does not think the allocation can be plus or minus but needs to allocated properly. At this point the understanding is that the final designation of which units are affordable and which are not will be adjusted slightly with the DRB.

Motion on the allocation voted and approved with 4 yes votes.

Phil moved to come out of meeting as the Water and Wastewater Commissioners. Seconded by Merrily and approved with 4 yes votes.

#### Receipt of Zoning Regulation Revisions – Village Design Standards

Dennis rejoined the Board at this time.

Alex gave a brief overview of the revisions. The Board will discuss the revisions at a future meeting.

#### Ambulance Service Update

Chief Baker read a statement regarding the future of the ambulance service in Hinesburg. He is suggesting to postpone the ambulance at this time. Nick cited staffing problems as the main problem. He is working on continued contract service from Richmond and hopes to get some quotes from other departments too.

Phil moved The Board support the decision of Nick and Todd and to move forward in communicating this information, perhaps have a Public Meeting so everyone can understand the ramifications of not going with an ambulance service. There was no second to this motion.

Merrily said she would like to make it clearer and moved that because of fiscal constraints the Hinesburg Selectboard has decided that we can't move forward with an ambulance at this time. Seconded by Mike. Maggie asked about the term fiscal, she said the primary reason is lack of staffing. Merrily asked Nick to clarify. Nick said he discussed this with Todd and the two options were more funding for more staffing or postpone the service. He does believe it is a fiscal constraint as we can't afford it because we don't have staffing and can't afford paid staffing.

Phil asked if the budget will support contracting out ambulance service? Todd said it does not but he and Nick have discussed this and are committed to try to make this change work within the budget as warned.

Motion made by Merrily voted and approved with 5 yes votes.

#### Consider Approval of Landfill Clearing Contract

Joy explained this is a two stage process. Additional grubbing will be done in the Spring.

106 Phil moved the Town Manager's office hire DJ Tree Service of Colchester to clear trees for the eventual  
107 closure of the landfill for a cost of \$21,000. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

108 Town Manager Report

- 109       • RFPs for auditing services due tomorrow, so far, we have received three  
110       • Received an application for Highway Department employee  
111       • Bid for the police cruiser will be on the first meeting agenda in March

112 Joy said we have roof replacement estimates provided by Tom Barden. Since this will be a very  
113 expensive work Joy said they want to explore the project to see what other changes might be made to  
114 utilize the space in the building.

115 Phil suggested forming a sub-committee like we did for the Town Garage.

116 Consider Approval of Warrants and Payroll

117 Mike moved to approve the warrants, including payroll, signed by Maggie and Merrily as presented by  
118 the Town Treasurer. Seconded by Phil and approved with 5 yes votes.

119 Adjourn

120 Maggie moved to adjourn, seconded by Phil. Phil said the Board needs to plan for Town Meeting.

121 Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

122 Respectfully submitted,

123 Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board