

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING DRAFT**

2 May 18, 2022

3 Attending the meeting in person; Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Mike Loner, Dennis Place, Phil Pouech,
4 Joy Dubin Grossman.

5 Attending the meeting remotely; Todd Odit, Alex Weinhausen, Meg Handler, Dale Wernhoff, Doug Taff,
6 Sarah Reeves, Jennifer Holliday, Rick McCraw, Carl Bohlen, Val Spadaccini.

7 Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. via zoom and opened the Public Hearing.

8 Public Hearing on Village Design Standards

9 Alex gave a brief history of the process of changing the standards.

10 Alex said he spoke with Joe Laster addressing his concerns with the new standards.

11 Ben Avery, of BlackRock Construction, told Alex he was generally supportive of the new standards but
12 expressed some concern about the front façade requirement. Alex noted that provision includes
13 flexibility.

14 Phil said the fact that there were no public comments at the hearing reflects there was a lot of feedback while
15 these were developed.

16 Merrily closed the Public Hearing.

17 At 7:19 Merrily called the Selectboard meeting to order.

18 Agenda Additions and Deletions

19 None

20 Public Comment

21 None

22 Approve Minutes of 2/28 and 5/4

23 Maggie moved to approve the minutes of 2/28 as amended. Seconded by Phil and approved with 5 yes
24 votes.

25 Maggie moved to approve the minutes of 5/4 as amended. Seconded by Phil and approved with 5 yes
26 votes.

27 Selectboard Forum

28 Phil said they had a great Green Up Day and it was nice to have the community lunch back. He thanked
29 the 75 to 100 volunteers as well as Mike and Dominic who took it all to the CSWD center and picked up
30 bags along the roadside.

31 Phil announced that he will be running for the position of Representative for the Hinesburg District for
32 Chittenden 4. He will continue to serve on the Selectboard until such time, if elected, he would step
33 down.

He called Todd and made an appointment to meet with him to discuss items on his mind and said it was a good meeting. He encourages other Board members to do the same.

Consider Approval of CSWD Budget

Sarah Reeves, executive director of CSWD, presented the budget to the Board.

- For FY 23 they expect just over \$14 million dollars of revenue and \$13,808,706 for expenses.
- They are expecting a sizeable increase in cost with the new contract with Casella for MRF operations.
- The only tip fee that will be increased is for the Organics Diversion Facility.
- Community Clean Up Fund. Hinesburg will now receive \$5,000 every year for these activities.
- There are plans to build a new MRF at double the current size. Towns will not be assessed fees for this project.

Phil said free tire day would be something Hinesburg could use the community funds for and he will look at doing that prior to Green Up day. He suggested recycling training at the drop off center. Sarah said she will bring that idea back to their outreach manager.

Mike asked about the de-packaging facility and are the compostable materials that are going there being composted? Sarah said there is a machine that separates the food from the packaging. The separated food goes into another machine that turns it into a slurry which is sent by tanker down to Salisbury. There were requests to have separated food scraps turned into compost and they have regained some of those tons, turning food scraps into a soil improvement is important. There is room for both processes.

Maggie asked Doug T about use of the community funds.

Doug said Hinesburg has a series of projects underway using the community funds. The budget is around \$3,500 to do 5 clean ups in the next several weeks.

All thanked Doug for his work as representative on CSWD.

Phil moved to approve the presented CSWD annual budget. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

Affordable Housing Committee ARPA Fund Proposal

Carl B, of the Affordable Housing Committee, addressed the committee's proposal for use of ARPA funds dedicated to affordable housing use. The proposal is to allocate \$100,000 to eliminate impact fees and not have any connection fees be paid by the builder or developer. The ARPA funds would pay those fees to the Town.

Todd said they will be coming to the Board at the next meeting with an idea of a reduced fee schedule for affordable housing. Whether ARPA funds should be used for that is to be determined. We want to do something that is sustainable. While we want to attract affordable housing, these units will be using the services and should contribute to those services somewhat.

Phil said helping affordable housing is an important thing. He questioned how we ensure the cost reductions flow down and are not just spread over the entire project. Alex said the bulk of the impact fees and allocation are paid when the zoning permit is issued. He said the developers say that whatever fees they pay are passed along to the consumer. Alex said for perpetually affordable units it is a moot point as we know they will be below the market rate; the discount would be more for getting builders interested in building affordable housing.

Todd said we could perhaps target the units above the requirement to get the density bonus.

Mike suggested a tier fee schedule for perpetually affordable housing units to encourage developers to increase beyond the minimum requirements. He would support using ARPA funds for a housing trust fund.

Consider Letter of Approval for Rule to Manage Wake Boats

Meg H is part of a group of citizens called Responsible Wakes for Vermont Lakes. She is asking for a letter of support from the Selectboard for the petition submitted to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. The petition is directed at wake boats, wake boarding and wake skiing only.

Maggie asked if the wake boats showing up on Lake Iroquois are resident boats or from elsewhere. Meg said both. There are 3 to 5 lake residents who own wake boats. They started to show up in the early 2000's.

Phil said he appreciates Meg bringing this up. It seems to be a fairly difficult issue. This is something he feels he could support if he knew a bit more. He asked how much discussion there has been at the State Legislature at this point and when might they be ready to make potential regulations.

Meg said a bill was introduced last year and another bill introduced this year which has fallen to the bottom of the pile. To get legislation will take years, going through DEC and amending the public use rules is a faster process. Use of jet skis was addressed through DEC.

Val S noted a previous effort to limit the size of the motor on a boat used in the Lake. The answer was if someone owns property on the lake and has a boat with a large motor it was a conflict and trying to prohibit use was difficult.

Meg said that is the argument to get this passed sooner as the more people that have invested in these boats the more difficult it will be to regulate them.

Phil said he would be interested in pursuing this; he needs to educate himself. This is an issue where we get information, it could be appropriate for the Board to decide to support the petition but we also need to hear other opinions.

Meg said there will be two public meetings in June on this.

Consider Appoint of Planning and Transportation Advisory Committee Representatives

Merrily moved to appoint Alex Weinhagen as representative to the CCRPC Planning Advisory Committee. And to appoint Todd Odit as representative to the CCRPC Transportation Advisory Committee. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

107 Consider Approval of Village Design Standard Zoning Regulations

108 Maggie moved to approve the Village Design Standard Zoning Regulations. Seconded by Mike and
109 approved with 5 yes votes.

110 Town Hall Committee Update and Possible Consideration of Spending Funds

111 Phil said the roof is patched and repaired. Some committee members are contacting other
112 municipalities that have recently built or repaired Town Hall buildings. They will present to the Board
113 some examples we could possibly model after.

114 Todd said we need to acknowledge the fact that we will be spending some money for guidance and
115 participation from some members on the committee. He hopes by the next meeting there will be a
116 clearer picture of the path forward

117 Consider Assigning a Portion of Fund Balance to Capital Funds per FY 23 Budget

118 Mike moved the Selectboard assign \$201,000 of FYE 21 unassigned and unreserved fund balance of
119 \$1,026,463. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

120 Town Manager Update

- 121 • Letter of intent for the Northern Borders Grant for funding of well #6 was submitted. We were
122 notified we are invited to apply. Todd and Joy will be working on this.
- 123 • Notified that Bart, from the water and sewer department has taken a position with another
124 town. The position has been advertised.
- 125 • Todd was notified of a leak in the blow-off valve in the cemetery pump station. Apparently, this
126 has been leaking since 2016 and is getting worse. We are losing about 8000 gpd. This will be
127 repaired on Friday at a cost of \$7 to \$8 thousand. Mike asked why it was allowed to go on for
128 so long and where is the water going. Todd said he is trying to get answers on this.
- 129 • June 15 is the Selectboard retreat.

130 Approve Warrants and Payroll

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

133 Consider a Motion to Enter Executive Session to Discuss the Evaluation of a Public Officer or Employee
134 Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3)

135 At 9:00 pm, Merrily moved to enter executive session to discuss the evaluation of a public officer or
136 employee Pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

137 At 9:40 pm, Phil made a motion to exit executive session which was seconded by Mike. The motion passed 5-
138 0.

139 Phil made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mike. The motion passed 5-0.

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141 Respectfully submitted,

142 Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board

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