

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING DRAFT**

2 July 6, 2022

3 Attending the meeting in person; Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Dennis Place, Phil Pouech, Mike Loner,
4 Joy Dubin Grossman, Nick Chlumecky, Alex Weinhagen, Emily Lewis, Lenore Budd, Carol Jenkins.

5 Attending the meeting remotely; Todd Odit, Barbara Forauer, Jennifer Decker, Nicolina Baldwin,
6 Bethanne Cellars, Jenn Hunter, Julie Zack, Anne Sullivan.

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

8 Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

9 None

10 Public Comment

11 None

12 Approve Minutes of 6/1 & 6/15

13 Phil moved to approve the minutes of 6/1/22 with any agreed upon edits. Seconded by Maggie and
14 approved with 5 yes votes.

15 Phil moved to approve the minutes of 6/15/22. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

16 Selectboard Forum

17 Phil said he had a great time at the parade and added this year's fireworks were fantastic. He realizes
18 fireworks are getting controversial due to the impact on pets and some people.

19 Phil thanked Todd for working with the pre-school on Pond R. to find a reasonable solution to make
20 crossing the road safer.

21 Planning Commission Interview – Nick Chlumecky

22 Nick is a long time resident of Hinesburg and is looking to give back to the community by helping the
23 community grow.

24 Maggie moved to appoint Nick Chlumecky to the Planning Commission with a term that expires
25 1/1/2026. Seconded by Dennis and approved with 5 yes votes.

26 Caron Water Allocation Request

27 Mike moved the Board convene as the Water and Wastewater Commissioners. Seconded by Phil and
28 approved with 5 yes votes.

29 The Caron's are looking for approval of a water allocation now that the moratorium is lifted.

30 Phil moved to allocate to Lawrence and Cynthia Caron 405 gpd for water. Seconded by Maggie and
31 approved with 5 yes votes.

32 Mike moved to adjourn as the Water and Wastewater Commissioners, seconded by Phil and approved
33 with 5 yes votes.

34 Consider Request for Quit Claim of Town Land to United Church of Hinesburg

35 Phil, member of the United Church, explained the Church is working with the USDA to conserve a
36 portion of the Baptist lot as a wetland. There is a small section of boundary discrepancy between the
37 HCS property and Baptist lot property. The Church is requesting a quit claim deed for this piece of land.
38 Secondly there is a footpath that the Town put in with an agreement from the Church. The agreement
39 states the Church can ask for the path to no longer be used. This needs to be done as it is not
40 authorized for the wetland reserve easement. Phil added it is a possibility to have a path again in the
41 future.

42 The Church will still be responsible for paying the taxes on the property.

43 Merrily moved to move forward with quit claiming the property. Seconded by Mike and approved with
44 5 yes votes.

45 Town Common Design Options Presentation

46 Emily Lewis, of Dubois & King, reviewed three conceptual designs. Emily explained that a conceptual
47 design shows ideas of what the space is going to become, it does not get into the detailed engineering.
48 Along with the final concept they will provide a cost estimate. The actual cost will vary depending on
49 the exact structures that are chosen.

50 Maggie commented that various ideas were given on what the Town wanted and Emily listened to that
51 and it shows in the conceptual plans and is excited to move forward.

52 Phil said he sent in some comments in writing. He thinks this is a good start. He noted the comment of
53 the Police Chief who said not to hide the police station but to bring in the building a bit, the same with
54 the fire station. There was a suggestion to include a child size police car for play by the station. It would
55 be nice to have an area for teenagers too, perhaps it could be a pavilion.

56 Dennis said the plans look good but is concerned with the area behind the fire station if we might
57 expand the station. Alex said the Fire Chief also commented on that, the design team has talked about
58 that.

59 Mike agreed these are great plans. Given the size of the park he feels it is a bit busy and not enough
60 green space. He likes the idea of the skating area being multi-purpose. He questioned, since there is
61 talk about a playground at Bissonette Field, how much do we want to invest for play structures for a
62 particular age here if we will have a duplicate just the other side of the river.

63 Merrily said she appreciates the time and thought that has gone into these plans. She likes the
64 comments of those who said to keep it simple, and not have so much stuff. She has concern about the
65 industrial option and feels that could be a very hot park and has a lot of impervious surface. She likes
66 the idea of a police car for play and perhaps we could have a fire truck too.

67 Carol Jenkins asked about the central green and how many people would it accommodate. Could we
68 host the farmer's market or food truck night?

69 Alex said from the gathering when they held the pocket park event, they have a sense of how many
70 people the green can accommodate and they can work with Emily on that.

71 The amount of parking required was discussed.

72 Barb Forauer said she is excited that we are moving forward and understands the pictures included in
73 the concept plans are just samples. She likes the natural history concept and suggests the ice rink be
74 kept by the Fire House. Barb also addressed her concern with impervious surfaces. Could some of the
75 trees be fruit trees to provide food.

76 Emily said the ice rink is not a permanent structure and can be a grass area the rest of the year.

77 Jennifer Decker brought up the issue of accessibility, particularly asking if the playgrounds will be
78 accessible to all children. She suggests an area that is paved so people in wheelchairs can gather there.
79 Are there plans for handicapped parking? She likes the pavilion in the center of the park so it is
80 accessible. She does not like the idea of a fence around the park. She likes the idea of recognizing the
81 Abenaki as well as the natural areas. She strongly objects to the idea of a play toy of a police car.

82 Emily said at this level of design they have not looked at details of accessibility of equipment, as they
83 work on a final design, they can make note of the need for accessibility.

84 Select Town Common Design Elements to Advance to a Final Conceptual Plan

85 Merrily said she did not think we at the point of selecting the final design yet. Alex agreed this is not the
86 time to refine all the design elements at the Selectboard level. The design committee along with Emily
87 will come up with a singular plan that considers all the input they have received.

88 Lenore B asked the Board to address the question of the future of the Fire Station.

89 Joy said an RFQ was put out to study what is needed in the future for a Fire Station. We have received a
90 few responses. Currently they are working on choosing the architect from the RFQ. More conversations
91 need to be had about what the deficiencies are and how they can be addressed at that site. If not, what
92 is the plan. They will also be gathering plans on what a new Fire Station would need to have and what
93 the location would be. They hope to have a plan for a bond vote in March 2023.

94 Merrily said with the unknowns of the future of the Fire Station as well as Town Hall it would be prudent
95 to hold off developing lot 1 which is Hinesburg Town land as it might be needed. We hope to know that
96 in 6 months. Phil said there is no reason to stop planning the park. Todd noted that nothing will be built
97 from a conceptual plan. The timing is good that we have all three issues being looked at now.

98 Consider Adoption of Revised Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule

99 Alex explained the revised fee schedule removing the per unit fee. The fee will now be based on the
100 number of lots not units.

101 Phil moved to approve the proposed planning and zoning fee schedule as presented in the Board's
102 packet with the track changes. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

103 Consider Adoption of Revised Police Impact Fee Ordinance

104 Phil moved to approve the new Impact Fee Structure for the Police Department as noted in the Board's
105 packet. Seconded by Mike. Phil, Mike, Merrily and Maggie in favor. Dennis opposed. Motion passes
106 with 4 yes votes.

107 Consider Adoption of FY 23 Water & Wastewater Budget and Rates

108 Budgets and rates will be reviewed tonight and voted on at the 7/21 meeting.

109 Todd reviewed the proposed budgets. Overall, the combined budgets are increased by 3.7%. The rates
110 will be increasing more than the 3.7%.

111 Consider Approving Submission of Vermont Community Foundation Grant Request

112 Joy explained the grant application has been submitted and we now need a letter of support from the
113 Selectboard. The grant request is for \$10,000 of which \$7,500 would be for a consultant.

114 Phil moved to recommend the Selectboard support the grant application for the Inclusive Communities
115 Grant from the Vermont Community Foundation. Seconded by Merrily and approved with 5 yes votes.

116 Town Manager Report

- 117 • Budget survey has been published.
- 118 • Todd and Nick Baker reviewed the proposals received from the RFQ for the Fire Department.
119 Joy met with Nick and the architectural firm, Wyman and Lanphere, to get a quote for the Fire
120 Station and include the Town Hall.

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122 Approve Warrants and Payroll

123 Phil moved to approve warrants, including the end of FY payroll, signed by Phil, Maggie, and Mike, as
124 submitted by the Town Treasurer. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

125 Consider a Motion to Enter Executive Session Under Provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)&(3)

126 Merrily moved to go into executive session under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)&(3) including Todd
127 and Joy to discuss personal matters. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

128 Mike moved to end executive session. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

129 Mike moved to adjourn. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes.

130 Adjourned at 9:18pm

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132 Respectfully submitted,

133 Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board

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