

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

2 November 9, 2022

3 Attending the meeting; Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Mike Loner, Dennis Place, Phil Pouech, Mike
4 Anthony

5 Attending remotely; Todd Odit, Missy Ross, Anthony Cambridge

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

7 Agenda Additions or Deletions

8 none

9 Public Comment

10 none

11 Selectboard Forum

12 Maggie said four people showed up last Friday for the budget Q&A and while there were not many
13 questions about the budget there was good conversation. Mike suggested to figure out how to share
14 information from the meeting and figure out what they can do about what they heard.

15 Maggie said work on the vestry building is starting. They will be cleaning it out and the roof will be
16 covered to protect it.

17 Mike congratulated the CVU women's field hockey team who won the division 1 championship and also
18 the women's soccer team on winning the division 1 championship.

19 Phil said he has been elected to be State Representative. There is no legal need for him to step down
20 from Selectboard. He is leaning toward staying till the March election so a replacement will be
21 appointed rather than elected.

22 Town Clerk Budget Presentation – Melissa Ross

23 Missy said elections will be level funded.

24 The clerk/treasurer budget will be a bit of a juggling act as Missy is leaving at the end of her term in
25 March. She and Todd have been talking about how the transition might look.

26 Phil asked Missy to explain the line for accounting assistant being at zero. Missy said Joan H, current
27 accounting assistant, is also planning to retire. The thought is whoever takes her place may prefer to be
28 paid as a wage earner instead of an independent contractor. It has been moved up to the salary line.

29 Highway Budget Presentation – Mike Anthony

30 Mike A said most increases are due to costs going up. Salt prices are up and we are now purchasing the
31 winter sand.

32 Unspent paving money was used to help purchase sand in the current budget for this winter.

33 Phil asked how many employees we are budgeting for? We have been budgeting for 4 but never able
34 to fill more than the current 2 positions. Todd said the salary line is based on 4 employees and the
35 Public Works Director is split 50/50 with water/ sewer and buildings/ facilities. Mike A said he is looking
36 into some local contractors possibly taking on some of the short roads this winter.

37 Mike L asked about professional services. Mike A said that is for engineering when needed.

38 Merrily asked about the guardrails. Mike A said several need repairs and some no longer meet the
39 standards. The amount will not pay for new guardrails. Merrily asked about brush cutting. Mike A said
40 that also includes tree removal.

41 Mike L asked about the fog lines. Mike A said work started Friday and they will be back to do more. The
42 amount budgeted will not cover the whole Town, they are looking at doing different portions each time
43 and rotate.

44 Phil asked about equipment purchase. Mike A said there are two replacement trucks in the capital
45 budget.

46 Maggie asked about dust control. Mike A said the amount budgeted covers just the bare minimum.

47 Phil mentioned the problem areas on gravel roads and the need to look at possible paving.

48 Town Manager Budget – Todd Odit

49 Todd said the main increases are in wages and health insurance. A few small reductions in professional
50 development and services.

51 Todd covered Buildings and Facilities budget noting the big change is funding the Public Works Director
52 position which is split 50/50 with Buildings and Facilities and Water and Sewer.

53 Mike L asked about sidewalks being at zero. Todd said it is now in salaries and wages as it is done in
54 house.

55 Phil asked if the Board can get a quarterly budget report.

56 Mike L asked Phil if the Board can get a detailed budget from GMTA.

57 Police Department – Anthony Cambridge

58 Anthony said the big changes are salaries and the change to Plan D for retirement.

59 Phil asked what the current coverage is and what is the plan going forward. Anthony said currently
60 there are 4 full time officers and coverage from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. When the 5th
61 position is filled, he will again increase hours of coverage. There are 2 certified part-time and 2 in
62 training.

63 Phil asked about past problems with the building. Anthony said there have been a number of
64 mechanical issues. They abandoned the security system which was not working properly and put in a
65 wireless system.

66 Maggie asked about filling in coverage when someone is out. Anthony said for the most part they are
67 going down to single officer shifts when needed.

68 Merrily asked what is included in the public relations line. Anthony said that is anything to do with
69 communication with the public.

70 Merrily asked about the Howard Center. She noted the cost has increased some and asked if they are
71 called much. Anthony said this past spring they were relying heavily on them. He added the need for
72 help comes in waves. Merrily asked if this is a yearly amount or do we pay when we are using them.
73 Anthony said it is a flat fee and they set the price.

74 Todd noted regarding the Howard Center that the Town just recently received a communication from
75 them saying their response will not be what it was previously. Partly due to staffing shortages at the
76 Center and staffing shortages in communities. There are certain types of calls they will not respond to
77 unless there is an armed officer presence. Todd said it will be good to include the Howard Center when
78 we work on the strategic plan.

79 Phil noted we were successful in hiring a couple of new people, and asked if it was difficult or is
80 Hinesburg a place that is attractive and do we stand now. Anthony said we now have a little bit of
81 stability. The biggest hurdle he sees is that we were a 24/7 agency that did not rely on other agencies.
82 We have a huge dependence on State Police at this point. It is less attractive if officers think we are
83 slipping back.

84 Liquor License Application – Boldwin Enterprises, LLC dba Bucky's Pub

85 3rd class and outdoor consumption

86 Phil moved as the Local Liquor Control Board to approve Boldwin Enterprises LLC. dba as Bucky's Pub for
87 an outdoor and 3rd class liquor license. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

88 Phil moved to adjourn at the Local Liquor Control Board, and adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 8:20
89 p.m. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

90 Respectfully submitted,

91 Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board