

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

2 December 21, 2022

3 Attending the meeting; Maggie Gordon, Mike Loner, Todd Odit, Chief Anthony Cambridge, Captain
4 Daley of VT State Police, Charlie Baker, Mike Bissonette, Pat Mainer

5 Attending remotely; Phil Pouech, Joy Dubin Grossman, Adam Bunting, Jenna Baker, Jonathan Trefry,
6 Natasha

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

8 There were no changes to the agenda or public comment.

9 Approve Minutes of 11/30 and 12/7

10 Maggie moved to approve the minutes of 11/30 and 12/7 with any needed changes. Seconded by Mike
11 and approved with 4 yes votes.

12 Selectboard Forum

13 Phil reminded the Board of his planned resignation as he does not plan to run for Selectboard so he can
14 devote his time being a State Representative. He has to resign before Town Meeting Day to have an
15 open seat to allow someone to run in the election. He will submit his resignation around January 2nd
16 with the hope that the Selectboard would appoint him to serve until Town Meeting Day.

17 Phil also mentioned how well the new Richmond Rd / North Rd intersection is working and the many
18 positive comments about the change.

19 Consider Approval of Grand List Errors and Omissions

20 Mike moved to approve the proposed Errors and Omissions and changes to the Grand List. Seconded by
21 Maggie. Phil asked when we will need to do a reappraisal. Todd said the Board approved a contract and
22 will be in effect in two years.

23 Motion voted and approved with 3 yes votes.

24 Consider Approval of FY 24 UPWP Project Request

25 Phil moved to approve the FY 24 UPWP project request from the CCRPC. Seconded by Mike and
26 approved with 3 yes votes.

27 Economic Development Commission Interview – Travis Counter

28 No action taken as Travis was unable to attend.

29 Consider Approval of Police Cruiser Replacement

30 Chief Cambridge reviewed the request to replace the unmarked police car. It was decided to keep the
31 Tahoe for another year as the mileage is lower than was anticipated at replacement time.

32 Phil noted the projected 16 – 20 mpg with the quoted vehicle and asked if maybe there is an option for a
33 less powerful motor. Anthony said this is the least powerful all wheel drive.

34 Mike asked how far out is the consideration of an electric vehicle. Anthony said Richmond has one and
35 has run into some problems. He suggests we let all the kinks be worked out before Hinesburg considers
36 one.

37 Mike moved to accept the Goss Dodge bid at \$36,858 for a 2023 Charger Police AWD. Seconded by Phil
38 and approved with 3 yes votes.

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41 Status of Vermont State Police Coverage – Captain Matthew Daley

42 Captain Daley said he, Major Whitcomb and Todd have met several times about what coverage will look
43 like going forward. The current agreement is when a call comes in it is handled by Anthony who
44 determines if the call needs immediate response. If it does State Police dispatch is called to respond.
45 Daley said this has worked out well. The State Police are aware of the hours of coverage by the
46 Hinesburg Police so they know when they may be needed. The ultimate goal is for Hinesburg to take
47 over.

48 Phil asked about the Charlotte contract relating to night coverage. Daley said calls go directly to the
49 State Police and are screened. If a response is needed a trooper will be sent out. Phil asked if the
50 contract includes overnight hours. Daley said coverage time is not dictated by the town and there is no
51 set schedule for daytime coverage. Night calls are not limited by contract hours.

52 Phil said if the voters reduce the budget and we can't hire more officers it feels like the State Police are
53 saying we are not going to help you since you have a police department. Charlotte is getting, though
54 less, coverage on a day to day basis and gets coverage for nighttime. Daley said if the people in
55 Hinesburg vote to do what Charlotte does, they likely will not like some of the timeliness of responses.

56 Mike agrees that it almost seems like we are penalized because we had a police force and we are
57 expected to have that police force again even if it is not possible for us due to budgets and hiring
58 problems. He feels it is like we are being held to a different standard like Anthony answering every
59 night call and be the dispatch for Town. His understanding is other towns, even with police
60 departments, don't have to do that. He said it feels like we are being pushed to be back to a position
61 the taxpayers said they don't want. Daley said any town they are involved with they try to make sure all
62 are on the same level. Daley added that Charlotte contracts 8 or 10 hours for the week and get the
63 same night time service, but the service they get is not what we have in Hinesburg. Mike asked if other
64 Police Departments that have downsized have to do their own dispatching. Daley said if the town has
65 come to the State Police for help and received notice as Hinesburg did it would be the same.

66 Phil asked if Hinesburg contracted the same number of hours as Charlotte, would that mean the State
67 Police would cover the midnight to 6 am if it is an emergency. To have our Police Chief 24/7 answer and
68 screen calls is not sustainable. We are not sure we will be able to build up to have 24/7 coverage. If we
69 contracted the same amount as Charlotte and said we don't need day coverage but want night coverage
70 with them screening. Daley said that their contracts are when troopers are available. Phil pointed out
71 that Charlotte automatically gets the night coverage, it is not flexible. What would it take for Hinesburg

72 to get that. Todd said he understands the point Phil is making and suggests it be explored outside
73 tonight's discussion.

74 Anthony said he was told no more contracts with the State Police are available. Daley said it is unlikely
75 but if they get up to full staffing again it is possible. Anthony added he has been told by the State Police
76 it can't depend on the budget that we need to hire people. They will cut service and we need to get
77 back to more coverage.

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79 CVU Pond Rd Guardrail Request – Adam Bunting

80 They are looking to have a guard rail installed for about 300 feet by field C along Pond Rd.

81 Phil said because CVU is in Hinesburg, while a benefit is also a bit of a burden. He suggests the school
82 split the cost.

83 Mike asked about having other sending towns contribute to support this.

84 Todd said he can work on getting a cost and work on funding solutions.

85 CCRPC Annual Report Presentation – Charlie Baker

86 Mike B said the guardrail project could possibly be a UPWP project. Charlie added they can probably
87 provide engineering services for the guardrail and get cost estimates.

88 Charlie reviewed what Hinesburg projects and activities were as part of the CCRPC process. He pointed
89 out the technical assistance available and urged Hinesburg to utilize the assistance.

90 Phil addressed the Richmond Rd sidewalk project and asked if there is anything the CCRPC can do to
91 help steer the project faster than it appears the grant process will allow. Todd said he will reach out for
92 the next bike/ped program funding and perhaps CCRPC can help with the grant funding criteria.

93 Consider Approval of Revised Town Forest Management Plan – Pat Mainer

94 Pat reviewed the plan noting there are no major changed from the 2012 plan.

95 Mike moved to approve the Town Forest Management Plan as presented by Pat and Jon and the
96 committee. Seconded by Phil and approved with 3 yes votes.

97 Review Revised Draft FY 24 Operating Budget

98 Eliminated was administrative help for Planning and Zoning and Police as well as salary and benefits for
99 a 4th highway employee. Todd said the result of this is about a \$24,000 reduction in the amount raised
100 in taxes from the previous information.

101 Phil asked about no revenue showing up from overweight truck fines. In the past it has provided around
102 \$40,000 in revenue as well as helping to keep those trucks off our roads. Todd said it is due to staffing
103 levels in the Police Department.

104 Consider Interim Health Officer Appointment

105 Maggie moved to appoint Jim Jarvis as the Interim Health Officer. Seconded by Mike and approved with
106 3 yes votes.

107 Town Manager Report

- 108 • Tuesday of next week the new highway employee will hopefully start.

109 Approve Warrants and Payroll

110 Mike moved to approve the warrants, including payroll, as submitted by the Town Treasurer and signed
111 by Maggie and Merrily. Seconded by Phil and approved with 3 yes votes.

112 Adjourn

113 Maggie moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m., seconded by Mike and approved with 3 yes votes.

114 Respectfully submitted,

115 Valerie Spadaccini, clerk of the Board
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