

1 **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

2 November 8, 2023

3 Attending the meeting; Merrily Lovell, Maggie Gordon, Mike Loner, Dennis Place, Paul Lamberson, Mary
4 Jo Brace, Pat Mainer, Ray Mainer, Rachel Kring.

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

6 Agenda Additions or Deletions

7 none

8 Public Comment

9 none

10 Approve Minutes of 10/18

11 Maggie moved to approve the minutes of 10/18 as amended. Seconded by Paul and approved with 5
12 yes votes.

13 Selectboard Forum

14 Dennis noted the passing of George Bedard. George served for many years on the Planning Commission
15 and was very active in Town. Dennis said as a surveyor George likely surveyed property for most
16 residents in Hinesburg at one time. He will be greatly missed.

17 Paul acknowledged all the discussion from residents about GMT and bus service. He would like to see
18 residents share their thoughts on the rest of the budget.

19 Consider Approval of Liquor License for Dumb Luck Pub

20 Maggie moved to convene as the Local Board of Liquor Control. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5
21 yes votes.

22 Mike moved to approve a first class liquor license for Baldwin Enterprises LLC, dba The Dumb Luck Pub
23 and Grill. Seconded by Maggie and approved with 5 yes votes

24 Maggie moved to approve a third class liquor license for Baldwin Enterprises LLC, dba The Dumb Luck
25 Pub and Grill. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

26 Maggie moved to approve the outside consumption permit for Baldwin Enterprises LLC, dba The Dumb
27 Luck Pub and Grill. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

28 Maggie moved to adjourn as the Local Board of Liquor Control Board and reconvene as the Selectboard.
29 Seconded by Paul and approved with 5 yes votes.

30 FY 25 Budget Meetings with Committees

- 31 a) Cemetery Commission. Mary Jo said the budget is the same apart from an increase in the
32 contract with Wahl for maintenance. Todd increased Mary Jo's stipend from \$600 to \$1000.
33 Mary Jo, said she has had inquiries about "green burials." She went to North Hero where they

offer this service to find out about the process and explained it to the Board. Work needed on the road was discussed. It is not clear if the road is a Town road and which budget should the cost be included in. Dennis suggested the road crew at least do the ditching that needs to be done. Mary Jo also said there is a tree that has fallen onto another tree and should be taken down.

b) Town Forrest Committee– Pat said she had not sent anything to Todd as they do not ask for tax dollars but use the Stewardship Fund. The Stewardship Fund was part of the Carse addition. The Capital Fund made money from a project that finished in the Spring. Funds were spent toward a demonstration on control of the Ash Borer on a small sampling of trees, also money was given to the Trails Committee as well as spent to treat invasives at the LHTF. Pat reviewed the plan for use of the Stewardship Fund next year.

c) Trails Committee- Ray said they are asking for \$5,000 as they would like to hire some professional help. Maggie said that is a leap in funding but feels it would be short sighted not to do the work and keep the trails in good shape. Paul asked about fundraising ideas and shared some ideas.

d) Town Common Committee – Maggie and Rachel presented the budget. They are asking for \$500 to be used for grant matches, kick off fund raising events, and community events. Dennis asked about the money that was to come from Hinesburg Center II. Maggie said that will likely not come till the development is completed. Maggie said they are hoping the pavilion could be built with wood harvested from the Town Forest.

Selectboard Discussion on Ways to Obtain Public Input on FY 25 Budget

The Board shared several ideas;

- Host one 2 hour open house for people to stop in.
- Morning events held at several businesses around Town.
- Varied hours at different locations to allow more flexibility on when residents can attend.

The Board agreed to host events the last week of November and first week in December.

Review FY 25 Agency Funding Requests

It was agreed the Boards intent is to level fund all agency requests.

Executive Session

Merrily moved to enter Executive Session Under Provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). Seconded by Dennis and approved with 5 yes votes.

Merrily moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

Merrily moved to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Seconded by Mike and approved with 5 yes votes.

72 Respectfully submitted,
73 Valerie Spadaccini, Clerk of the Board
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