

Town of Huntington Selectboard (SB) Meeting
Date: Monday, April 06, 2009 – 7:00p.m.
Location: Town Office, Lower Level

Approved
Minutes

Attending:

Board Members: Ed Booth (Chair), Wayne Curley, Jim Hildebran, Joe Segale (Vice Chair)

Absent Members: Jim Christiansen

Others Present:

Clinton “Yogi” Alger (Road Foreman), Charlie Baker (CCRPC), Daniel Birmingham, Laura Birmingham, Alan Brace, Robert (Butch) Carrier, Justin Dextrateur (CCRPC), Liz Greenberg (Times Ink! Reporter), Pam Hart, Tate Jeffrey (Chief, Fire Department), Duncan Keir, Roman Livak, Ken Pillsbury, Dan Stoddard (Town Treasurer), Jean Sturm (HERO Committee), Ed Wildman (Town Administrator)

Recorder:

Barbara Elliott

Topics	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Ed B called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	
Selectboard (SB) Minutes: 03/02/2009, 03/09/2009, 03/16/2009		MOTION for Minutes: Jim H moved to accept the minutes of March 2, 2009, March 9, 2009 and March 16, 2009 with no amendments. Seconded by Wayne. Passed unanimously.
Warrants	9 warrants were presented to the Selectboard for signature. Signed as presented.	9 warrants were signed as presented.
Public Comment	<p>Jean Sturm—The HERO Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applying for a transportation planning grant from the CCMPO that is due April 24th. Looking for Selectboard endorsement. Wayne will be attending the HERO meeting on Wednesday. Jim Hilderbran noted that there is no extra money in the budget to cover any local match requirement. <p>Ken Pillsbury—Times Ink! Selectboard Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ken raised concern that the TimesInk! report did not include his recommendation that Conservation funds be used for the Sand/Salt Shed project. Liz Greenberg clarified that the article is a condensed version of Selectboard news—and is not a report from the Selectboard. She stressed the effectiveness of letters to the editor as a method of getting one’s position in front of people. Ed B pointed out that the Selectboard does not review or approve of the Selectboard summary published in the TimesInk! Ed B said Ken’s comment about using Conservation funds for the Salt Shed will be considered. Duncan Keir supported Ken’s recommendation, and hopes that at least a portion of the funds will be allocated to the Sand/Salt Shed project. 	<p>Consideration of the HERO grant will be put on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting.</p> <div style="text-align: right; transform: rotate(-45deg); border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> RECEIVED DATE: <i>April 21, 2009</i> </div>

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<p>Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CRPC) – Charlie Baker, Justin Dextrateur</p>	<p>Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlie Baker (Executive Director) & Justin Dextrateur (Board Chair) attended to introduce themselves and ask if the Town has particular issues for CCRPC to address. They noted both Ed B and Ed W have kept the Town actively connected to the Commission. <p>Hazard Mitigation Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new round of hazard mitigation project funding is in the pipeline (this is not connected to stimulus funding)—with grant applications due in September. It may be that some of our upcoming slide work would be an appropriate project to submit for funding. <p>Village Density</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe asked about support and/or funding to help study village density issues. Charlie noted they don't have funds for this but the State may have funds available. Justin said Jericho has put work into studying village density and they may be a resource we could draw on. CCRPC staff may be able to support the work. <p>Flood Plain Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEMA is proposing to change the flood plain maps. 	
<p>Road Foreman – Clinton “Yogi” Alger</p>	<p>Hinesburg Hollow Road Paving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yogi presented 4 quotes for the paving project: \$117,574—the lowest price—was from ST Paving, S.D. Ireland \$111,790—next lowest—was from SD Ireland Brothers. \$121,280.80—Pike Industries \$131,800—highest price—was from Rox Asphalt Ken Pillsbury asked how much we have invested in paving Hinesburg Hollow—and Yogi said roughly \$330,000. Ken noted that we seem to repave our roads every 5 years and that it would be good if we could get more life out of our blacktop roads. Dan Stoddard asked if all bids were based on the same specs, and Yogi said that they were. Joe said if we ask for and receive bids from qualified bidders, we should go with the lowest bid price. 	<p>MOTION for Paving: Joe moved to go with ST Paving. S.D. Ireland for the Hinesburg Hollow Road paving, as they came in with the lowest bid price. Seconded by Wayne. Motion carried with Jim H, Wayne and Joe voting in favor and Ed B voting against.</p>
<p>Administrator’s Updates & Correspondence</p>	<p>Huntington / Starksboro Boundary Line</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The US Census Bureau has their own maps—which show different boundary lines than we have. They asked for us to comment on their map. The Selectboard is in favor of asking the US Census Bureau to change the boundaries on their map to match the actual (true) Town boundary lines. <p>Stimulus Earmark & Bond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed W distributed a handout. Wayne recommended we have 2 bids for the Town garage: one for the roof only and one for the roof and wall work. Joe recommended we also have the 	<p>Ed W will draft a request for quotes for the fire station and garage roof work and send that out to the Selectboard.</p> <p>Joe will meet with Ed W and Yogi to look at next steps for the bond projects.</p>

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	<p>garage and fire station roof jobs bid together in order to see if we can get a better price by bundling the work—and that at the same time, we could get an alternate bid on the insulation of the walls (even though we do not currently have funds to do the wall insulation work—because down the road, there may be energy stimulus funds.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selectboard discussed various scenarios related to writing requests for proposals, prices and quotes. Since we do not know what the specific specifications will be for the stimulus grants, we may not be able to issue a request for proposal, but could still move forward with getting quotes for the jobs specified in the bond (which totaled \$537,000). • It was noted that we will need to determine who will oversee the various the bond projects. • The Sand/Salt Shed request for proposal will have to go to VTrans prior to the bid going out. • Duncan noted that there is a difference in a request for proposal and putting a job out for a bid pricing. We are currently looking for a request for prices—and now is a good time to get those out to contractors in order to get competitive pricing. • Dan noted that if stimulus money does come in, then the specs for the jobs may change. • Wayne raised questions regarding a stimulus letter that went to Leahy’s office. 	
<p>Action Items /</p>	<p>HERO Grant – Jean Strum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying for a transportation planning grant that is due April 24th. Will be partnering with SSTA and MORF Transit. Hinesburg has done a similar project that is a great model for an effective program. Jean is looking for Selectboard approval of the grant—as well as a 20% Town participation either be in dollars or in-kind contribution. There is no money in the budget for a financial contribution. <p>Sand/Salt Shed Request for Quote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 7 draft Request for Design-Build Proposals was distributed to the Selectobard. • The sub-committee will meet to review this. • Need to look at what additional charges there may be from Rob Zimmerman for work on this project. <p>Child Safety Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background: Residents have been discussing on the Front Porch Forum that a sex offender is living in Robert’s Park. Ed W accompanied State Police & the Parole Officer when they spoke with neighbors. • Meeting held at the school at 6 p.m., Tuesday April 7th. • Ed W got information from VLCT, our attorney, a Barre City ordinance, and the Vermont ACLU. • Ed W noted that the legislature has raised questions regarding placement of sex offenders. Problems have been noted with town ordinances. • Alan Brace raised concerns about placement in a 	<p>MOTION for Conservation Commission Appointment: Joe moved to appoint Roman to fill the Conservation Commission vacancy. Seconded by Jim. Motion did not carry—with Joe and Jim H in favor of the appointment and Wayne and Ed B opposed to the appointment.</p> <p>Conservation Commission appointment was table until next week.</p>

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	<p>neighborhood where there are children—including a day care program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam Hart raised questions about the lack of advance notice regarding placement in our town. • Liz Greenberg asked the board to consider that the views they hear at the meeting may not be representative of how the majority of people in the Town feel. <p>Conservation Commission Appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aaron Worthley has resigned from the Commission. • Wayne expressed support for Laura Birmingham for the Commission opening: she has worked with the board, she has an impeccable background that fits the responsibilities of the board, and that this is an opportunity to integrate new people into Town boards. • Laura introduced herself to the Selectboard: she has served as the Commission’s Clerk for the past year (at the time, there were no current openings on the board, and she saw this as a way to participate and be involved); she graduated with a degree in ecology and conservation from UVM; she’s lived on Weaver Road for 4 years. • The Commission wrote a letter of support for appointing Laura to their board, although this was before they knew other people were interested. • Roman spoke to his interest in serving on the board: he has a degree in biological sciences; he has been a Huntington resident since 1983; his knowledge of the Town could help formulate good inventories and his extensive experience in a variety of Town positions and as a member of numerous boards and committees over the years brings a lot of valuable experience to the Commission. • Jim H noted it is unfortunate there aren’t 2 openings on the Commission, as both candidates have a lot to offer. 	
Budget	<p>Fire Department – Chief Tate Jeffrey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tate proposed the following cuts to the department’s budget in order to reach the targeted 5% budget reduction amount: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$2000 from pagers (switched dispatchers – which reduced costs—although not sure they will stay with this company) ○ \$2300 from propane (hoping that insulating will reduce fuel consumption) • Wayne asked if a programmable thermostat for the building would help with controlling fuel costs. • Recommended it would be good to be able to track the Fire Department fuel separately from the Highway Department through the use of keys. • Office supply line item went up for printer costs. • Duncan noted that if all Town offices had one rubbish removal contract we might be eligible for a price break. • Currently there are 20-21 people on the roster; the by-laws state they can have up to 30; 1-2 of the new folks this year 	

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	<p>are available during the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting the Fire Truck Bond off for another year would require a Town vote. <p>General Budget Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have 60 days after the Town votes on the budget to get our Town financial statement to VTrans. This must be done before they will give grant funds. Many towns are having re-votes on their budgets, so the 60 day limit doesn't impact them until after their budgets are approved. • Meeting next week on budget only items. • One of considerations is salary. Seems that people want Town employees to be level funded & people to pay part of their health care. 	
Adjournment	<p>The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2009 - 6:00 pm Agenda will be to focus on the budget.</p>	<p>MOTION to Adjourn: Jim H moved to adjourn. Seconded by Joe. No discussion. Passed unanimously.</p>

Date Unapproved Minutes to Town Clerk: Wednesday, April 15, 2009
Date Minutes Approved by Selectboard: Monday, April 20, 2009
Date Approved Minutes to Town Clerk: Tuesday, April 21, 2009