

**Town of Huntington Selectboard (SB) Meeting**

**Date: Monday, February 02, 2009 – 7:00p.m.**

**Location: Town Office, Lower Level**

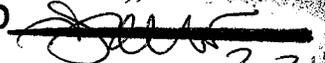
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Minutes

**Attending:**

**Board Members:** Ed Booth, Harry Frank, Jim Hildebran (Vice Chair), Joe Segale, Roman Livak (Chair)

**Absent Members:** n/a

**Others Present:** Clinton “Yogi” Alger (Road Foreman), Terry Boyle (Ancient Roads Committee), Andy Carlow (Ancient Roads Committee), Jim Christiansen, Wayne Curley, Liz Greenberg (Times Ink! Reporter), Bart Howe (Ancient Roads Committee), George Mincar (Ancient Roads Committee), Ed Wildman (Town Administrator)

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**Recorder:** Barbara Elliott

Topics	Discussion	Action
<b>Call to Order</b>	Roman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. (Harry F arrived at 7:14 p.m.; Jim H arrived at 7:30 p.m.)	
<b>Warrants</b>	5 warrants were presented to the Selectboard for signature.	5 warrants signed as presented.
<b>Town Meeting Articles</b>		<p><b><u>Motions regarding the Fire Truck Bond Warning</u></b> (Note: 3 Selectboard members present &amp; voting = Roman, Ed B, &amp; Joe)</p> <p>Ed B moved to authorize the Selectboard to sign the Fire Truck Bond Warning. Seconded by Joe. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Ed B moved to place the Fire Truck Bond issue on the ballot. Seconded by Joe. Passed unanimously.</p>
<b>Road Foreman – Clinton “Yogi” Alger</b>	<p><b><u>Staffing:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ed W has Stevie set up for disability.</li> <li>Yogi hasn't reached the CDL school to get Roger enrolled. Not sure how much the course will cost the Town. Yogi, Stevie (who is out), and Roger have their CDL licenses.</li> <li>Backup drivers that Yogi can call on, who have CDLs, are Mike Macia, Chris Haskins &amp; Earl Copeland.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Chittenden County Road Foremen's meeting:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ed W attended the last one—and learned about warranty issues.</li> </ul>	<p>Yogi is to make it a priority to get Roger enrolled in the CDL school.</p> <p>Ed B &amp; Roman are still working on putting together a format for tracking the crew's time, including what the task is, where, mileage, equipment used, etc.</p> <p>Yogi is to start attending the Chittenden County Road Foreman's Meeting</p>
<b>Ancient Roads</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joe emailed Selectboard members (Jan. 11, 2009) an ancient roads matrix, a draft of a preliminary screening process, and a copy of the map George Mincar, Aaron Worthley &amp; he put together.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George Mincar (Committee Chair) said the Committee has noted some roads they believe fit the criteria (eg: Audubon land; from Weaver to Charley Smith &amp; over the mountain to Waistfield).</li> <li>• Joe noted there are probably 100-200 land owners affected – making it imperative to prioritize the areas in order to talk to the land owners.</li> <li>• If the Selectboard is interested in certain roads, they could do field/site visits to determine more information.</li> <li>• In the community survey that was done, there were a lot of strong comments regarding property rights.</li> <li>• There have been 212 hits on the ancient roads pages of the Town website.</li> <li>• Transparency in the process is critical.</li> <li>• We know there is concern from property owners regarding the road between the Spence and Brace farms.</li> <li>• Usage categories are: transportation (part of the highway), recreation (hiking, biking, skiing), destination (Town forest access).</li> <li>• Roman stated his preference is to throw up all the roads with the exception of the one to the Town forest.</li> <li>• In response to Ed B's question about the Town's responsibility for the roads if they are not thrown up, George noted that they can be kept as trails or Class 4 roads, which don't have to be maintained by the Town. It does, however, keep open the right-of-way for future use without causing liability for the Town.</li> <li>• Old Stage Road is a Class 4 road maintained by the residents. Other Class 4 roads include Freda Trapp and Charley Smith.</li> <li>• Ed B expressed interest in the Audubon, Lover's Lane, and Town forest access.</li> <li>• Jim noted preference for keeping roads for hiking &amp; mountain biking access.</li> <li>• \$1,400 of the \$5,000 grant for this work has been spent. Balance of fund availability expires in June.</li> <li>• George recommended taking the Audubon off the list since Audubon has preserved the whole area for nature—so it seems redundant.</li> <li>• Joe asked if the committee would take a stab at prioritizing the roads.</li> <li>• Terry noted that one criteria to consider in prioritization might be the number of property owners affected.</li> <li>• At a March meeting, we will look at the road numbers, number of parcels and the names of the parcels. George will talk with Aaron about scheduling this work.</li> </ul>	
<b>Highway Mileage - signatures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The certificate states there are 43.96 miles of road in Huntington.</li> </ul>	Selectboard signed the Certificate of Highway Mileage from the Agency of Transportation for the Year Ending February 10, 2009.

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<b>South Mountain Surveying &amp; Mapping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This was late in getting to the Town. The lister parcels will be updated at no cost.</li> </ul>	
<b>Sand/Salt Shed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roman would like to look at the fabric covered building option—which is the least expensive option and gets us closer to our goal of staying within a \$413,000 budget. New Haven has one of these buildings. We could change ours to an agricultural pre-cast side wall.</li> <li>Jim H suggested looking at Conant’s barn—and finding out what it cost. He said we need an overhead roof, which could be canvas—and then we could just put the blocks in.</li> <li>Joe recommended checking what the regulations are for sand/salt sheds. He stated that Rob Zimmerman has done a thorough research job and recommended we select one of his proposed options.</li> <li>Our funds need to be spent by June 2010.</li> <li>Fabric life span is 15 years.</li> <li>Ed W has spoken with the CCMPO about whether this might be included in the stimulus package: no answer yet.</li> </ul>	Ed W will set up a review meeting for Rob, Joe & who ever else wants to be involved.
<b>Olga Hallock Award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 letters of support were received in support of the party chosen.</li> </ul>	Harry moved to award the 2009 Olga Hallock Award to a certain party. <i>(Recorder’s note: I will fill this in after Town Meeting in order to maintain the surprise element.)</i> Seconded by Ed B. Passed unanimously.
<b>Energy Concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roman noted the Front Porch Forum discussion regarding propane usage—and the interest in establishing a buying pool. He suggested the Energy Committee get connected to the effort and contact vendors who deliver in Huntington.</li> <li>Joe asked if Roman was suggesting the Town get involved in the free market.</li> <li>Ed B noted that other Towns have gotten involved in helping establish buying pools—and their Energy Committees have made recommendations.</li> <li>Wayne noted that the buying club concept is going to happen very quickly, and that the group would negotiate a contract. (By very quickly, he meant this year.)</li> </ul>	Jim will raise the propane issue with the Energy Committee.
<b>Administrator’s Correspondence &amp; Updates</b>	<p><b><u>Animal Control Officer</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No updates.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Stimulus Package</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considerations could include the planned work on the 4 bridges; the work on Hollow Road; guard rails; reclaiming work on East Street; sand/salt shed.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Parking Ordinance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of February 1, 2009, the policy is official. Harry recommended sending notification out to neighbors. Heidi</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Signs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to put together an inventory of signs in town—so far only the Main Road has been inventoried.</li> </ul>

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	<p>is putting it in the Times Ink and the Town Annual Report.</p> <p><b><u>Garage Roof</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information was received from Efficiency Vermont. We will have to go out to bid on this project. Need to decide if we are going to do just the roof or if we're going to do the insulation work at the same time.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Chittenden County Road Foreman's Meeting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan is for Ed W &amp; Yogi to attend. A lot of good information is presented.</li> <li>Jim H asked if we had taken a vote last summer to determine whether to use the larger signs—so far no decision has been made.</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.	Jim moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ed B. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Date Unapproved Minutes to Town Clerk: Thursday, February 26, 2009  
Date Minutes Approved by Selectboard: Monday, March 16, 2009  
Date Approved Minutes to Town Clerk: Monday, March 30, 2009