

Town of Huntington Selectboard (SB) Meeting

Date: Monday, January 12, 2009 – 7:00p.m.

Location: Town Office, Lower Level

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Minutes

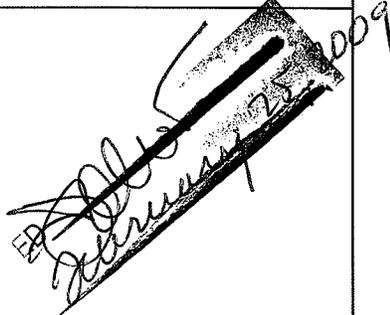
Attending:

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

Absent Members: Harry Frank, Roman Livak (Chair)n/a

Others Present: Clinton “Yogi” Alger (Road Foreman), Jim Christiansen, Liz Greenberg (Library Committee), Paula Kelley (Library Committee), Heidi Racht (Library Committee), Lorrie Richland (Library Committee), Ed Wildman (Town Administrator)

Recorder: Barbara Elliott

Topics	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Jim (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.	
Road Foreman – Clinton “Yogi” Alger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yogi presented quotes for single and tandem axle trucks. His preference is for a tandem so that he can haul loads from Hinesburg Sand & Gravel rather than having them delivered. Summary of the quotes was distributed. • The initial consensus was to go with a tandem truck provided there would be an offset for the added expense (over a single axle truck) taken from the hauling/sand line item in the budget. • Yogi noted the trade-in value of the current truck is probably about \$22,000. He would like trucks to be replaced every 6 years. The current one is in its 9th year. 	
Capital Bonds & Proposals	The capital program bond and Huntington capital program handouts were distributed. These may be included in the Town Report.	
Budget	<p>Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Committee – while the Committee’s draft budget is still not level funded, they did make adjustments and came back with a pared down request. The Committee noted that \$1,067 of the budget cost is due to hosting community events after hours. • Salary increase for Library staff that was supposed to be implemented in July was mistakenly omitted. Committee notified the Selectboard that this will be implemented retroactively—and that Dan is taking care of this. • The Selectboard recommended pushing back the UMH \$50,000 for a year in order to develop a plan. <p>Fire Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questioned whether it was necessary to pull the fire truck purchase in a year. <p>Article 4 East Street Bridge Loan Balance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost for Moody Bridge repair is \$88,000 so the excess funds would not cover this expense. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe suggested applying the \$60,000 to reducing the bond principle. <p>Article 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs rewording to make it understandable (plain English) and to reflect that it's changing the disabled veteran tax reduction from \$20,000 to \$40,000. <p>Cost of Living Increases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim noted that the inflation rate according to the Bureau of Labor Standards is now at 1.1%. We are in a sharply decreasing price market—and a 5% increase is excessive. • Ed B found out that both Starksboro & Colchester are putting salary COLA at 3%. <p>Insurance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed B put forth the suggestion that the Selectboard consider a model of having employees pay a graduating 2% portion of their insurance for the next 5 years. <p>Highway Overtime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed budget allows for a total of 1,000 hours of overtime. 	
Public Comment	No citizens presented input to the SB.	
Action Items /	<p>Chittenden County Municipal Planning Organization will be attending on January 19th.</p> <p>Office air quality samples were taken and a report will be submitted.</p> <p>3 people—all from out of town—have applied for the Animal Control Officer position. We have had 3 different dog calls in the last 2 weeks.</p> <p>On February 16th, WorkSAFE will be coming in to look at possible improvements and to make recommendations.</p>	Joe moved to adjust the mileage reimbursement rate to correspond with the IRS rate of \$0.55, retroactive to January 1 st , 2009. Seconded by Ed B. Passed unanimously.
Warrants	3 warrants were presented to the Selectboard for signature.	3 warrants were signed as presented.
Adjournment	The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.	Joe moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ed B. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Date Unapproved Minutes to Town Clerk: Monday, January 19, 2009
Date Minutes Approved by Selectboard: Monday, January 26, 2009
Date Approved Minutes to Town Clerk: Tuesday, February 24, 2009