

Town of Huntington Selectboard (SB) Meeting

Date: Monday, August 17, 2009 – 7:00p.m.

Location: Town Office, Lower Level

Approved
Minutes

Attending:

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

Absent Members: n/a

Others Present: Pamela Alexander, Clinton “Yogi” Alger (Road Foreman), Bruce Hennessey (Maple Wind Farm), Lucinda Hill (Town Auditor & Planning Commissioner), Doug McAvenia – SD Ireland (for site visit only), Ken Pillsbury, Dan Stoddard (Town Treasurer), Margaret Taft, Bill White, Ed Wildman (Town Administrator)

Recorder: Barbara Elliott

Topics	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Selectboard members Ed B, Jim C, Joe and Wayne met at 6:34 for the site visit to Hinesburg Hollow Road with Doug McAvenia, the representative from SD Ireland.	Ed B called the regular Selectboard meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., with all Selectboard members present.
Selectboard (SB) Minutes: June 15, 2009, July 06, 2009, July 20, 2009, & August 03, 2009.	<p>July 06, 2009 Corrections: <u>Land Recording Fees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Selectboard discussed the letter submitted by Heidi regarding land recording fees. The State sets recording fees at \$10.00 per page, an increase of \$2 effective on July 1; a portion of this money can be put in an account for restoration of records —and she found out recently that any increase over \$1.00 requires Town voter approval. Two years ago, recording fees were raised \$1.00 and this was set aside to be allocated to recording book restoration (a cost of \$650 per book). The voters need to approve this extra \$1 going into the restoration fund. The additional \$2.00 recording fee increase went into effect last week. Heidi recommends the additional \$2 be put into reserve for future vault expansion as a way of offsetting this costly capital expense. At the current rate of recording, this would yield about \$4,000 per year. Heidi further recommended the \$2.00 increase be voted on at next year’s Town Meeting. If voted down, the funds already collected would be diverted to the general fund rather than the special vault reserve fund. <p>July 20, 2009 Corrections: The planned amount for the bridge repair amount recorded in the unapproved version for the wingwall was incorrect. It should read:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We currently have planned \$50,000 for the wingwall on Bridge 10. 	<p>MOTION - Minutes: Wayne moved to approve the minutes of 6/15, 7/6, 7/20 and 8/3—with corrections as noted. Seconded Joe. Passed unanimously, with Joe abstaining from the vote on the minutes of 8/3.</p> <p align="right">  RECEIVED DATE September 24, 2009 </p>

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	<p>August 03, 2009 Corrections: Corrected the spelling of Dean Menke's name.</p>	
<p>Warrants</p>	<p>5 warrants were presented to the Selectboard for signature.</p>	<p>5 warrants were signed as presented.</p>
<p>Junk Yard Permit – Bill White</p>	<p>Bill White requested approval for Camel’s Hump Auto’s relicensing application. The Selectboard is being asked to sign the State Certificate of Approval for location of a junkyard for 2009-2010 for 10 acres (from the Agency of Transportation Department of Motor Vehicles). Bill’s operation was first licensed in the 1940’s, although the most recent license issued actually expired in 2003. Bill has worked with the State to address issues that have been raised regarding the site, and work has been progressing. In particular, Bill has been addressing concerns regarding the separation of heavy metals.</p>	<p>Junk Yard License:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed W will confirm with AOT specifics regarding the license—and will email Selectboard members a completed application. The application requires 3 signatures, which Ed W will try to have back to Bill White by Wednesday.
<p>Animal Control Officer Opening</p>	<p>Pam Alexander attended to express interest in the Animal Control Officer position. Her written letter of interest was previously distributed to Selectboard members.</p>	
<p>Road Foreman – Clinton “Yogi” Alger</p>	<p>Upcoming work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culvert work: still has 2 more days for Weaver Road, and will then tackle Main Road. <p>Bridge Street Drainage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seems that everyone is satisfied with the drainage work on Bridge Street—at least for the time being. <p>Computer Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CPU is back—and Dan is hoping to get it set up this week. Lucinda has agreed to help Yogi with computer training. <p>Garage Insulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bids were received from Irongate & Cold Hollow. While Cold Hollow’s price is lower (\$51,500 versus Irongate’s \$53,000), their bid lacks the detail incorporated in Irongate’s proposal. • The budgeted amount for the work is \$30,000 which was based on addressing the walls and roof, but not insulation. So far, no luck getting stimulus funds to supplement the budgeted amount. • In response to the idea of using the \$20,000 balance from the slide work, Ed W reported that the agreement was that we will not move funds from one bucket to another without voter approval. • Dan noted that the East Street Bridge work came in \$60,000 under the bond amount—but reallocation of these funds requires voter approval. 	<p>Garage Insulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yogi will contact Cold Hollow and request more detail for their bid. • Ed W will continue to explore stimulus fund possibilities.

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<p>Town Treasurer – Dan Stoddard</p>	<p>Checking Account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selectboard confirmed that Dan should move the \$700 to Class 3 culverts and close out the account. <p>Quarry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While the blasting work at Jim Rowe’s quarry was paid for out of the slide line item, Yogi sold some of the stone to Jeff Palin. Jeff remitted \$860 for the stone, which Dan will apply back to the slide line item. The \$300 owed to Jim Rowe for the stone will be paid for from this line item. • It was noted that the stone that was sold might have been good for use in ditching work—rather than being sold. <p>Fire Dept / Library Budget Deficits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Library budget was over by \$2,933—in books, propane and electricity. The Library has previously reimbursed the Town budget overages. Trustees have noted some of the deficit has been caused by Park & Ride and UMH usage. • The Fire Department overage was \$3,300. Historically, the Fire Department has reimbursed the Town for overages. <p>New Fire Truck:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check for the truck has been issued. \$210,000 came from the bond and the remaining \$48,000 came from cash. • The General Budget is not designed to finance the fire truck. The Selectboard agreed with Dan’s recommendation to use \$12,000 from the money market and then pay the balance as soon as the CD comes due. 	<p>Quarry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A policy is needed to govern quarry activity. This will be discussed at the next meeting. • The quarry stone is a Town asset; Dan will research if/how it should be accounted for. <p>Budget Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed W will investigate whether a meter can be added to track the Park & Ride electric usage. • Selectboard asked Dan to bill the Library and Fire Department for their overages. • Jim C and Wayne will meet with the Library Trustees. <p>VEIC Energy Resource Library Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Jim H’s knowledge, funds have not been spent to date. He will raise this at the next Energy Committee meeting
<p>Town Administrator’s Report – Ed Wildman</p>	<p>Signage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The yellow Hinesburg Hollow sign has been moved to the correct location. It was not designed to be a stand alone sign, and is part of the new State safety standards. The larger, brighter signs will be required as signs are replaced. 	
<p>Cattle Drive – Bruce Hennessey</p>	<p>Bruce attended to discuss the proposed Cattle Drive for August 23rd. He distributed information about the drive. The proposed route is to go down Main Road from the Camel’s Hump intersection to Carse Road.</p> <p>Ken Pillsbury advocated on behalf of the drive as a way of supporting agriculture in town. Bruce reassured Margaret Taft that Maple Wind Farm would be responsible for any damage to crops or personal property as a result of the Cattle Drive.</p> <p>Numerous concerns were raised and discussed and the final determination of approval will be made after the following issues have been addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ed W will confirm with VLCT and the Town Attorney that the Town will not be liable in the event of any damage. 2. Maple Wind will canvass all homes along the route, leaving information that includes helpful do’s and don’ts to help make the event safe and problem free. 3. Maple Wind will line up Richmond Rescue and 	<p>Action items noted at left.</p>

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	<p>Huntington First Response to ensure emergency coverage from both the north and south.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Maple Wind will put signs up notifying people of the traffic delay and detour. 5. Maple Wind will contact the State Police for help along the main corridor. 	
Signatures		<p>Selectboard members signed the scoping contract for Bridge 10.</p> <p>Selectboard members signed employee evaluations.</p> <p>Selectboard signed the Flex Plan Update Resolution.</p>
Adjournment	The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.	Joe moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jim C. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Date Unapproved Minutes to Town Clerk: Wednesday, August 26, 2009
Date Minutes Approved by Selectboard: Monday, August 31, 2009
Date Approved Minutes to Town Clerk: Monday, September 21, 2009