

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

**Date: Monday, August 03, 2009 – 7:00p.m.**

**Location: Town Office, Lower Level**

Approved  
Minutes

**Attending:**

Board Members: Ed Booth (Chair), Jim Christiansen, Wayne Curley

Absent Members: Jim Hildebran, Joe Segale (Vice Chair)

Others Present: Clinton “Yogi” Alger (Road Foreman), Patti Delaney, Ruth Little, Dean Menke

Recorder: Barbara Elliott

Topics	Discussion	Action
<b>Call to Order</b>	Ed B called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.	
<b>Warrants</b>	6 warrants were presented to the Selectboard for signature.	6 warrants were signed as presented.
<p><b>Road Foreman – Clinton “Yogi” Alger</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">RECEIVED <i>[Signature]</i> DATE August 27, 2009</p>	<p><b><u>Computer</u></b> The computer is not set up. Dan has contacted someone for assistance. Still need an email address for Yogi. Issues with Comcast are all set.</p> <p><b><u>Bridge Street Speeding</u></b> Residents noted that speeding is still a huge problem— with the road being used as a commuter corridor. There are also speeding issues with Town vehicles, trucks, FedEx &amp; UPS.</p> <p>Potential solutions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review current signage and evaluate whether additional signs are needed.</li> <li>• Contact the State Police to get this area patrolled.</li> <li>• Convene the Traffic Calming Group for assistance in investigating next steps.</li> <li>• Implement an “alternate grading plan” whereby not all portions of the road are graded at the same time so that the remaining pot holes can help slow traffic.</li> <li>• Borrow the solar powered speed tracking sign from Richmond or elsewhere.</li> <li>• Have residents call Fed Ex and UPS and alert them when trucks are seen speeding – and contact Ed Wildman to call on behalf of the Town</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Bridge Street Drainage</u></b> Patti Delaney &amp; Dean Menke were not notified of the planned ditching work to alleviate problems with drainage on Ruth Little’s property. They would have liked to have been notified in advance of the work commencing and to have been included in developing a</p>	<p><b><u>Signage</u></b> Yogi will install an additional speed limit sign on Bridge Street headed toward Gillette Pond near Dave Bean’s house.</p> <p><b><u>Drainage Work Follow Up</u></b> Yogi will do an additional 3-4 hours of work on the ditching off Bridge Street (the Ruth Little / Patti Delaney &amp; Dave Menke properties) and follow up with mulching and seeding.</p> <p>Yogi will come up with a recommendation for what further work should be done.</p>

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	<p>plan that would meet the needs of all parties: the Town, Ruth, the protection of the river, and themselves. They noted that Yogi was incredibly responsive and explained what was happening when first approached as the work began. Yogi cleared the area so that there is no longer standing water by Ruth's well.</p> <p>Patty &amp; Dean have had conversations with Arrowwood Environmental (Dori Barton / Aaron Worthley) regarding erosion control. Ruth and they have both signed a contract with the Fish &amp; Wildlife Department for planting 350 trees to prevent further erosion and to help restore the natural corridor. It is essential that further ditching doesn't interfere with the erosion control plan that has been developed.</p> <p>It was noted that in the future all property owners need to be contacted before work is done to ensure proper coordination of efforts between the Town, state &amp; federal agencies, and property owners – particularly along rivers and streams.</p> <p>Additional corrective action options include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seeding &amp; mulching</li> <li>• Putting in an additional culvert to divert water from coming down the hill</li> <li>• Develop a comprehensive plan with all the neighbors and the folks from Arrowwood.</li> <li>• Improve communication about river management and restoration work that is happening in town between residents, agencies/businesses, the Town, CCRCP, etc.</li> <li>• Make sure calls are placed to all property owners and adjacent property owners before commencing work.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Work Safety Report</u></b> Based on the last report that was issued, Yogi has had the electrician look things over and has addressed a number of issues. He will be replacing the bench grinder; getting a cart to use as a base for the drill press so it can't tip; and installing new covers for light bulbs. May need to get a new back door to improve accessibility.</p> <p><b><u>Hollow Road</u></b> The manager from SD Ireland will be invited to attend the meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> to present options for correcting the problems. Ed B will schedule time for another site visit ½ hour or so before the meeting.</p>	

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	<p><b><u>Upcoming Work (next 2 weeks)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Putting in new 5 culverts (3 on Weaver Road, 1 on Bert White Road, 1 on Main Road). <i>Note: Yogi has gone back to using metal culverts—he’s not happy with the way the plastic ones are collapsing. The lifespan of new metal culverts is about 12 years (whereas the older metal culverts used to last closer to 25 years).</i></li> <li>• Begin scraping and applying chloride in preparation for the school year.</li> <li>• Roger will be taking the CDL test again on 8/19.</li> <li>• Hoping new dump truck will be in next week.</li> <li>• Yogi would like funds from the Road Crew Account to go back into the culvert and plow blade line items.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Action Items / Updates</b></p>	<p><b><u>Animal Control Officer</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A phone call and email were received by the Town Clerk from Pam Alexander stating her interest in the Animal Control Position.</li> <li>• Brett Lindemuth dropped off a letter of interest to Ed W</li> <li>• Wayne raised concern about how we publicize positions and noted that we need to set a standard and stick with it.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Road Crew Account</u></b></p> <p>There is currently \$600+ in the Road Crew account. According to Dan Stoddard (Town Treasurer) these funds can be designated to a specific use without voter approval.</p> <p><b><u>Trash Ordinance</u></b></p> <p>Issues related to the draft Trash Ordinance were raised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will an exception be made in the trash ordinance to accommodate requirements of agricultural operations? The example of the legitimate use of tires for farming purposes was cited as a reason why the parameters of the ordinance need to be narrowed down.</li> <li>2. A recommendation was made that the junk motor vehicle limit be reduced from 90 days to more like 7 days.</li> <li>3. Need to determine how to interpret the 300’ restriction for solid waste. In some instances, depending on the lot size, this may be too restrictive.</li> </ol> <p>It was recommended that we get a hold of both Richmond’s and Hinesburg’s ordinances to review as input in finalizing our ordinance. It was further noted that we need to either finalize the ordinance or drop it from our “to do” list.</p> <p><b><u>Appointment Procedure</u></b></p> <p>Tabled</p> <p><b><u>Huntington Revolving Loan Fund</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes have been proposed to incorporate provisions for educational grants to low-to-moderate income residents and to raise the amount of loans to businesses to \$15,000.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Animal Control Officer</u></b></p> <p>Ed B will contact Pam Alexander.</p> <p><b><u>MOTION: Road Crew Account</u></b></p> <p>Wayne moved to put the Road Crew account money into the Class 3 road culvert line item. Seconded by Jim C. Passed unanimously.</p> <p><b><u>Appointments</u></b></p> <p>Selectboard signed the reappointments of Kevin Cunningham and Gary Koval to the Recreation Committee for 2 year terms ending 2011.</p> <p><b><u>Health Care Alternatives</u></b></p> <p>Jim C will frame the conversation regarding health care alternatives and propose recommendations for Selectboard consideration.</p> <p>All Selectboard will review the information regarding health care alternatives that was distributed.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wayne noted that the proposed new schedule in Section 6 is less transparent than the current schedule—and that he would like to see this transparency maintained.</li> <li>• It was noted that the non-refundable fee to apply for the education grants doesn't make sense—why would a low-to-moderate income person want to take that risk?</li> <li>• Need additional information on how the selection process will work for the education grants.</li> </ul> <p>The 3 key items are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Should the loan program be extended for a year?</li> <li>2. Should the loan amount be increased to \$15,000?</li> <li>3. Should provisions for education grants be incorporated?</li> </ol> <p>Members present favorably supported all three of these initiatives, noting that additional details need to be ironed out.</p>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	The Selectboard meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.	Jim C moved to adjourn. Seconded by Wayne. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Date Unapproved Minutes to Town Clerk: Friday, August 14, 2009  
Date Minutes Approved by Selectboard: Monday, August 17, 2009  
Date Approved Minutes to Town Clerk: Wednesday, August 26, 2009