

Town of Huntington — Selectboard Meeting

Monday, December 10, 2012—7:00 pm

Town Office Building – Lower Level

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<p>Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes/Warrants • Public Comment • Selectboard Budget Working Session • Administration (Appointments, Correspondence, Other Business) • Executive Session <i>(for the purpose of employment discussion of public officers)</i>
<p>Selectboard members present</p>	<p>Jim Christiansen (Chair), Dori Barton (Vice-Chair), Doug Graver, Everett Lewis, Roman Livak</p>
<p>Staff/Officials present</p>	<p>Yogi Alger (Road Foreman), Barbara Elliott (Town Administrator), Dan Stoddard (Town Treasurer)</p>
<p>Others present</p>	<p><i>(There were no other attendees.)</i></p>
<p>Call to order</p>	<p>Christiansen called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm.</p>
<p>Minutes - MOTION</p>	<p>Livak moved and Graver seconded to approve the minutes of 12/03/2012 as amended. Passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Warrants</p>	<p>There were no warrants presented for signature.</p>
<p>Budget Working Session</p> <p><i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott to research reflective sign requirements.</i> <i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott/Alger to apply for HMGP.</i> <i>FOLLOW-UP: Alger to detail purpose of this line amount.</i> <i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott to confirm vehicle insurance numbers.</i></p> <p><i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott to research: Lund Family Center services</i> <i>Memorial Flags</i> <i>VSP hours fiscal year to date</i> <i>Zoning Administrator's contract</i></p>	<p>Auditors Report – Selectboard Stipend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elliott presented the resolution passed by the Board of Auditors regarding annual stipends for the Selectboard which reads: <i>Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 933 the Town of Huntington Board of Auditors hereby authorizes the Selectboard members to be paid annual stipends up to the following amounts: Chairperson \$1,500, Vice Chairperson \$750 and other members \$500 each.</i> <p>Highway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selectboard requested Elliott confirm what, if any, timeframes need to be met for replacement of retroreflective road signs. • Elliott and Alger to complete a Hazard Mitigation Grant application for Main Road culvert replacement (see budget worksheet line item 195). • Need to confirm what projects are earmarked for the \$2,500 listed under Highway Class 3 Roads. • Vehicle Insurance – Elliott to confirm that the correct vehicle insurance numbers are incorporated in the spreadsheet. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elliott to contact Lund Family Center (or Shelly McSweeney or Melinda Moulton) regarding what specific services are provided for Huntington residents. • Elliott to confirm with Heidi Racht about Memorial Flags for the Cemeteries. • Elliott to confirm hours logged fiscal year to date by the Vermont State Police. • Elliott to get a copy of the Zoning Administrator's contract to the Selectboard.
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Tax Rate Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graver noted that a number of community members have adamantly stated to him that they do not want to see any increase in the municipal tax rate reflected in the upcoming budget. Lewis noted that he has gotten the same feedback.

<p>Administration</p> <p><i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott to contact ACO regarding selling the pigmy goats</i></p> <p>MOTION: Energy Committee appointments</p> <p><i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott to follow up with the Library Trustees.</i></p>	<p><i>Note: Board receives a weekly written update from Elliott (including research findings; administrative issues; liaison; etc.)</i></p> <p><u>Animal Control</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lewis noted that there are postings on Craigslist by people who are looking for pigmy goats (e.g.: listing # 3463061379) under "Farm and Garden"). The Selectboard would like ACO Pam Alexander to look into the possibility of selling the goats that were surrendered to the ACO in order to help recoup the cost of the veterinary bills that the Town incurred. <p><u>Appointments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Energy Committee notified the Selectboard that Dean Menke has stepped down from the committee. The Selectboard is sending a letter of appreciation to Menke for his contributions throughout his years of service. Graver moved and Livak seconded that based on the recommendation received by the Energy Committee, the Selectboard appoint Dan Stoddard and Diane Reynolds as new members of the Energy Committee. Passed unanimously <p><u>Library Trustee Request: Bell Tower Communications Lease</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Trustees submitted a letter dated 12/03/12 requesting the Town lease space in the UMH bell tower to Green Mt Access/VTel Wireless. A copy of the proposed Option Agreement was submitted for Selectboard signature. Elliott distributed copies of an email from Trustee Harvey Schugar outlining his concern regarding additional microwave exposure, research he is doing, and his attempts to contact the company for more information. (Note: the Selectboard does not have a copy of the initial letter of request from Barbara Green.) Graver stressed that any agreements regarding municipal buildings need to be made by the Selectboard. The Trustees had noted their understanding of this in their 12/03/12 letter, which also requested that funds received from the agreement be used to maintain/improve the UMH. Selectboard requested Elliott get a copy of all information submitted by the requestor to date, as well as more detail from VTel on installation process, impact to the historic character and integrity of the building, maintenance processes, required access, impact of additional microwave exposure, etc. The Selectboard also indicated they would most likely need to have VTel attend a Selectboard meeting to answer questions before any agreement could be made. <p><u>Town Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the 11/26/12 Selectboard meeting, Planning Commission Chair Dana Cummings commented that the Town Plan, according to statute, is good through June 2017. Livak produced a copy of the Approved Minutes from the 06/18/2012 Selectboard meeting when the Selectboard approved the extension of the Town Plan, noting the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Hearing – Town Plan Re-Adoption <i>Christiansen opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm. Christiansen explained there were no changes to the existing Town Plan (except for updating the year of the plan) and that this would be a one-year extension.</i> <i>Per Ginger Lubkowitz (Planning Commission Vice-Chair), the Planning Commission plans to hold public comment sessions over the coming year and anticipates a revised plan will be completed in the April/May timeframe in order to meet the required June 18, 2013 deadline for a Town-approved</i>
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	<p><i>revised plan.</i></p> <p><i>Barton moved & Livak seconded to re-adopt the Huntington Town Plan (previously adopted in June 2007), without revisions, except for updating the year of the plan. Passed unanimously.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the minutes was passed along to the Planning Commission to underscore the Selectboard's expectation that the Planning Commission will have a new, updated Town Plan in place by June 2013. <p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An email was received from Fire Chief Tate Jeffrey outlining Rita Cleveland Fund expenditures for the past couple of years. He noted that the Fund is used to improve the service the department can provide (versus funding basic operations). • The Selectboard received a Public Service Board notice of a Net Metered Power System application from Seth Miller of Ross Hill Road.
Executive Session	<p>Livak moved and Graver seconded to go into Executive Session in accordance with: 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) 'The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee.' Passed unanimously at 8:55pm.</p> <p>Livak moved and Lewis seconded to come out of Executive Session, with no action having been taken, at 9:27 pm. Passed unanimously.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Livak moved and Lewis seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Passed unanimously.</p>
	<p>12/10/12 – Meeting date 12/12/12 – Preliminary draft minutes to Selectboard / Clerk, Treasurer & Auditors 12/17/12 – Final minutes approved by Selectboard 12/19/12– Approved minutes sent to Town Clerk</p>