

Town of Huntington — Selectboard Meeting

Monday, February 04, 2013—7:00 pm

Town Office Building – Lower Level

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Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes/Warrants • Public Comment • Highway • Chittenden County ECOS Regional Plan (Environment, Community, Opportunity & Sustainability) • Town Meeting Pre-Planning • Administration & Planning • Olga Hallock Award
Selectboard members present	Jim Christiansen (Chair), Dori Barton (Vice-Chair), Doug Graver, Everett Lewis Jr, Roman Livak
Staff/Officials present	Barbara Elliott (Town Administrator), Heidi Racht (Town Clerk)
Others present	Charlie Baker (CCRCP), Michele Boomhower (CCRPC), Ed Booth, Dana Cummings, Gordon Miller, Heather Pembrook
Call to order	Christiansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Minutes - MOTION	Livak moved and Graver seconded to approve the draft minutes of 01/21/2013. Passed unanimously.
Warrants	3 warrants were signed as presented.
<i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott to confirm CO detector with Fire Chief</i>	Elliott to confirm additional details on the Fire Department's policy regarding CO detectors.
Public Comment	There were no comments from the public.
Highway <i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott to submit certificate to clerk for recording and submission to the state.</i> <i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott to schedule 04/01 Bridge 30 public meeting</i> <i>FOLLOW-UP: Employee evaluation action items</i>	<u>Certificate of Highway Mileage</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selectboard signed Certificate of Highway Mileage for Year Ending 02/10/2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Class 1 – 0 miles ○ Class 2 – 11.18 miles ○ Class 3 – <u>32.78 miles</u> <li style="padding-left: 40px;">43.96 total Huntington Highway Miles ○ Class 4 – 2.07 <u>Bridge 30 Conceptual Plans</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selectboard requested Elliott set up public meeting for 6:30pm April 1st with VTRANS (with invitations to property owners & others further up Camels Hump Road). Elliott will try to schedule the Church Annex room. Elliott will send electronic copy of conceptual plans to the property owners. <u>Evaluations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elliott completed draft revisions of the Road Crew & Road Foreman evaluation forms as requested. Elliott will publish schedule for submitting edits, completing self-evaluations and administering evaluations so the process is completed before Town Meeting. <u>Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew has been busy with multiple mud seasons, snow storms, thawing culverts, hauling gravel, equipment repair & maintenance.
ECOS Regional Plan Update – Baker & Boomhower	Charlie Baker introduced the presentation by thanking Ed Booth for his contributions on their board (he is Treasurer) and for being active in the ECOS process. Plan

	<p>consolidates 3 documents: Regional Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy document. Baker walked through the plan development process which looked at over 60 planning documents and had expanded participation by towns, businesses, agencies and non-profit organizations. Plan includes vision, goals and development of 8 key strategies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve and strengthen the economic systems of our region to increase opportunities for Vermont employers and employees. 2. Strive for 80% of new development in areas planned for growth, which amounts to 15% of our land area. 3. Improve the safety, water quality and habitat of our rivers, streams, wetlands and lakes in each watershed. 4. Increase investment in and decrease subdivision of working lands and significant habitats, and support local food systems. 5. Increase opportunity for every person in our community to achieve optimal health and personal safety. 6. Equip residents with the education and skills they need to thrive. 7. Develop financing and governance systems to make the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars and reduce costs. 8. Ensure that the projects and actions in all ECOS strategies assess equity impacts, and that the design and development of programs are inclusive of all and engage underrepresented populations. <p>Comments to CCRPC were primarily presented by Livak, and included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding projected VT population in 2030 estimated to be 600,000, Livak noted that previous growth estimates were overstated and that population count has remained relatively level over the past 10 years. • Livak questioned how business provides income to towns given the added infrastructure costs; Baker responded that the 'Circle of Prosperity' in the ECOS document refers to personal income. In VT, the economic strategy is more about quality of life issues and the income people moving to the state bring with them. • Livak questioned if there was an anticipated change in urban areas supporting the open spaces of 'outlying' towns. He noted that state land accounts for 25% of Huntington's acres – but that the PILOT program only compensates 1%. • Livak noted it would be good to have CCTA service in Huntington. He noted that we use SSTA, which is an underfunded program that doesn't meet the full need. • Livak noted he is not in favor of statewide teachers' contracts and stated that Huntington had resoundingly voted against consolidation of supervisory districts. He asserted that property taxes are regressive. He further noted that services such as CUSI should be funded by the state. <p>Baker asked about the status of the Water/Wastewater and Village/Form Based Code work. Cummings noted both efforts are now under the Planning Commission umbrella – and that right now, focus is on updating the Town Plan. Public meetings have been held on Village Code – with more scheduled for later this month. Water/wastewater final report was completed and tackling next steps is pending.</p> <p>Boomhower reviewed the transportation project list and the process that was used for estimated funding (requirements and available dollars). There is an anticipated 25-year shortfall of \$540,000,000. Based on this, we will need to consider alternate ways of managing traffic rather than new construction. Huntington projects fall within the category of 'maintenance'.</p>
Town Meeting Pre-Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selectboard will meet on the evenings of 02/18 (6:30pm) and 03/04 (7pm); and

<p><i>FOLLOW-UP: Christiansen, Stoddard & Elliott to meet</i></p> <p><i>FOLLOW-UP: Racht to email SB her list of questions</i></p> <p><i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott to contact Moderator Britt Cummings</i></p>	<p>at 8:30am at BPMS on Town Meeting day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christiansen & Elliott (and possibly Livak) will meet with Town Treasurer Stoddard on 02/06 at 9:30am to review financials. Selectboard opted for Christiansen to present introductions for 3 articles: Article 5 – Truck (cost of repairs/not replacing the truck versus cost of new truck); Article 7 – applying surplus; and Article 8 – general fund budget expenditure. Racht would like to provide the Article 6 introduction for the proposed Town Clerk salary increase. She would also like to know how the Selectboard intends to answer questions that may be posed during the article discussion. She will email her list of questions on Saturday 02/16 to the Selectboard, and will be scheduled on the 02/18 agenda for 15 minutes. Racht is making plans for someone else to lead a paper ballot process for this article. Elliott to contact Moderator Britt Cummings to see if he would like to meet briefly prior to Town Meeting.
<p>Administrative Update</p> <p><i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott to schedule VSP meeting.</i></p> <p><i>FOLLOW-UP: Elliott to schedule CC Sherriff meetings.</i></p>	<p><u>Law Enforcement - Traffic</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selectboard received copies of a draft proposed contract for traffic enforcement services from Hinesburg. Christiansen & Elliott will be meeting with VSP Williston station caption Lt. Jim Whitcomb. Elliott will set up appointment with Chittenden County Sherriff department to learn about their services, contract pricing, etc. Graver stated that he would not want to have Huntington be in the position of ‘supervising’ a position; Elliott noted that Hinesburg’s, as well as all the inter-municipal contracts supplied by VLCT, already incorporate this. Livak stated that prior to making any traffic enforcement contract changes, the full Selectboard needs to meet with the department/agency Police Chief/Station Commander. <p><u>VTel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Library Trustees unanimously voted to recommend the Selectboard not pursue the offer made by VTel based on research conducted by Harvey Schugar on the biological effects the microwave exposure would have. <p><u>Humane Society of Chittenden County</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christiansen signed the Animal Control Intake Agreement which outlines the fees for 2013 (\$90/dog; no charge for first 3 cats, then \$15/cat thereafter). <p><u>MS Bike Ride</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selectboard approved plans for the MS Bike Ride through town, scheduled for August 3-4, 2013. The organization has already submitted a copy of their certificate of liability.
<p>Olga Hallock Award</p>	<p>Dori Barton recused herself from the discussion/vote. Graver moved and Livak seconded to bestow the Olga Hallock award to one of the nominees and to publically announce the award at Town Meeting. Passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Livak moved and Lewis seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 pm. Passed unanimously.</p>
	<p>02/04/13 – Meeting date 02/08/13 – Preliminary draft minutes to Selectboard / Clerk, Treasurer & Auditors 02/18/13 – Final minutes approved by Selectboard 02/19/13 – Approved minutes sent to Town Clerk</p>