

Town of Huntington — Selectboard Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2014—7:00 pm

Town Office (downstairs)

** DRAFT: UNAPPROVED ** MINUTES

Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Comment • Administration, Highway & Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administration: Warrants; Minutes; Correspondence & Communications; Other/New Business ○ Highway: Other/New Business • Commissions-Boards-Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HR Committee: General Update ○ Other Commissions, Boards & Committee: Updates as needed ○ Finance Committee: Capital Plan; Operational Budget
Members present:	Jim Christiansen (Chair), Dori Barton (Vice-Chair), Andrew Hendrickson, Roman Livak, Nancy Stoddard
Staff/Officials present	
Others present	Margaret Fowle, Darlene Palola, Sheri Lynn, Rebecca Ryan, Aaron Worthley, Meadow Worthley
Call to order	Christiansen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No members of the public attended to present general public comment.
Administration, Highway & Planning	<p><u>Administration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warrants: 4 warrants were signed as presented. • Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>MOTION:</u> Roman Livak moved and Nancy Stoddard seconded to approve the amended minutes of October 06, 2014. Passed unanimously with 5 members present and voting. • Correspondence/Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Letter of thanks received from Dean Menke regarding work completed on Bridge St. Concerns regarding timing of work addressed by Christiansen via email. • Other/New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contract for New Leaf Construction for work on the Town Hall has been signed. ▪ Winter selectboard meeting schedule begins 11-3-14 with meetings to start at 6:30 pm. <p><u>Highway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other/New Business
Commissions-Boards-Committees	<p><u>HR Committee Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR Committee met on 10-20-14 for the purpose of Town Treasurer Compensation. A recommendation is pending for budget planning.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future business to include an examination the Towns benefit opt-out policy and an evaluation/comparison of the cost of offered benefits. <p><u>Conservation Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee discussed the potential of purchasing property owned by Lynda Swannie for the purpose of conservation as a Town forest. The parcel has potential for limited logging, river access, trails, connectivity to large conserved parcels, and accessibility do to its proximity to the Lower Village. • Keith Thompson, the county forester has done a preliminary walk of the property has expressed that there is potential for a Town forest. • The Selectboard offered to compose a letter to the property owner expressing an interest in further discussions regarding potential acquisition of the property through the Conservation Commission. • The Commission will continue to reach out to the land owner as well as other potential sources of funding for conservation, such as the VHCB. <p><u>Finance Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Capital Plan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Selectboard has agreed to move forward with the latest draft of the Capital Plan. ○ NEXT STEPS: There will be an informational meeting scheduled for January, date to be determined, to review the Capital Plan with the public before Town Meeting. • <u>Operational Budget</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preliminary overview and explanation of the operational budget. ○ NEXT STEPS: The selectboard will begin critical review of the operations budget at the 11-3-14 meeting.
Adjournment – MOTION	<u>MOTION</u> : Roman Livak moved and Andrew Hendrickson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm. Passed unanimously.
	10/20/14 – Meeting date 10/21/14 – Draft/unapproved minutes sent to Nancy Stoddard for website posting xx/xx/14 – Final/approved minutes approved xx/xx/14 – Approved minutes sent to Town Clerk for recording & website posting