

Town of Huntington — Selectboard Meeting

Monday, March 02, 2015—6:30 pm

Town Office (downstairs)

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APPROVED MINUTES

DATE *March 23, 2015*



<p><b>Agenda</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Comment</li> <li>• Committees / Boards / Commissions – Updates: HR Subcommittee (Recommendation regarding Health Insurance Opt Out for Town Treasurer)</li> <li>• Highway Updates: One-ton Truck Replacement; Request for TH9 Temporary Stream Crossing Extension; December 2014 Storm – FEMA Status; Driveway permit application/740 Bert White Road (postponed); Other / New Business</li> <li>• Administration &amp; Planning: Warrants; Minutes; Correspondence &amp; Communication; Scope of Work – South Wall of Town Office; March 16<sup>th</sup> Selectboard Meeting Schedule &amp; Town Hall Easement/Conveyance Public Information Meeting; Other/New Business</li> <li>• Town Meeting Preparation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Members present:</b></p>	<p>Jim Christiansen (Chair), Dori Barton (Vice-Chair), Andrew Hendrickson, Roman Livak, Nancy Stoddard</p>
<p><b>Staff/Officials present</b></p>	<p>Clinton 'Yogi' Alger (Road Foreman), Barbara Elliott (Town Administrator), Heidi Racht (Town Clerk)</p>
<p><b>Others present</b></p>	<p>Andrew Carlo, Dave Clark, Kathleen Clark, Helen Keith</p>
<p><b>Call to order</b></p>	<p>Christiansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.</p>
<p><b>Recognition: Outgoing Chair Jim Christiansen</b></p>	<p><u>Recognition of Jim Christiansen</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice-Chair Barton presented out-going Chair Christiansen with a certificate of appreciation – noting the many accomplishments that were achieved by the Selectboard under his leadership.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Highway Items</b></p>	<p><u>One-Ton Truck / Town Meeting Article</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alger outlined current problems we are experiencing with the one-ton truck and requested the Selectboard consider an early purchase of the replacement truck if the Article to approve a new truck passes at Town Meeting. Based on cost of anticipated repairs, the Selectboard concurred that this is a sound strategy.</li> <li>• Alger reviewed the one-ton truck specifications and quotes he received, noting that he is now recommending purchase of an x-cab versus the larger crew cab. The quote for this is \$74,103 with an \$8,000 credit for the trade-in of our current one-ton (for a projected net cost of \$66,103).</li> </ul> <p><u>Town Highway 9 (TH9) Stream Crossing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One year ago, the Selectboard approved a temporary silviculture stream crossing to replace the TH9 bridge destroyed during the July 3, 2013 storm. Andy Carlo, from Fountains of America, reported that the loggers have not been able to complete the work for which the temporary crossing was approved (work that primarily needs to be done in the winter). Carlo requested approval from the Selectboard for a one-year extension of the temporary stream crossing.</li> </ul>

<p><b>MOTION: TH9 TEMPORARY STREAM CROSSING</b></p> <p><i>Follow-up: Livak to send Selectboard copy of the draft zoning regulations</i></p> <p><i>Follow-up: Alger/Elliott to post FPF Salt Reduction notice</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOTION:</b> Livak moved and Stoddard seconded that the Huntington Selectboard extend permission for the temporary crossing on Town Highway 9 until August 1, 2016, subject to the same conditions as the original approval. Passed unanimously with all members present and voting.</li> </ul> <p><u>December Storm – FEMA Status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FEMA &amp; VTrans will be meeting with Alger &amp; Elliott on March 9 for a project kick-off meeting. Although we do not yet know what work will be approved for reimbursement by FEMA, we do know that of the approved disaster project amount, FEMA reimbursement will be 75% of the total approved amount. Huntington has met the criteria required to be eligible for a 12.5% State reimbursement (which is in addition to the Federal/FEMA reimbursement). Huntington is not eligible for the additional 5% reimbursement (for a total of 17.5%) from the State because our zoning regulations allow conditional approval of development in our flood zone areas. Barton noted that she had sent an email to Planning Commission Vice-Chair Marshall asking if the current regulation re-write will address this issue. Livak reported that the Planning Commission is looking at excluding development in the flood zone.</li> <li>• Livak will forward the draft regulations to the Selectboard.</li> </ul> <p><u>Salt</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alger reported that our salt expenses are currently about \$5,000 over budget.</li> <li>• The Selectboard requested Alger/Elliott post an additional notice regarding the Salt Reduction Program on Front Porch Forum.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HR Sub-Committee</b></p> <p><b>MOTION: HEALTH INSURANCE OPT-OUT FOR TREASUER</b></p>	<p><u>Health Insurance Opt-Out Recommendation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stoddard presented a recommendation from the HR Sub-Committee that the Selectboard offer a \$1,000 Health Insurance Opt-Out, through the end of the current fiscal year, to the new Town Treasurer if they do not want to enroll in the Town’s health insurance program.</li> <li>• <b>MOTION:</b> Livak moved and Hendrickson seconded that the Huntington Selectboard approve a \$1,000 Health Insurance opt-out amount, for the period of March 4, 2015 through the end of the fiscal year, for the new Town Treasurer in the event they decline enrollment in the Town’s health insurance program. Passed unanimously with all members present and voting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Administrative Items</b></p>	<p><u>Signing of Warrants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 warrants were signed as presented.</li> </ul> <p><u>Approval of Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOTION:</b> Livak moved and Hendrickson seconded to approve the draft minutes from the 02/16/2015 Selectboard meeting with no corrections. Passed unanimously with all members present and voting.</li> </ul> <p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice was received regarding a recommendation being made to the legislature to cut the PILOT reimbursements for state buildings (which is funded by a portion of the extra 1% sales tax leveed by some municipalities and by a portion of the rooms and meals tax) in order to help address the State budget deficit. This does not impact Huntington – however it is conceivable that a proposal could be made to also reduce PILOT reimbursement for State lands (such as Camels Hump State Park) which would</li> </ul>

<p><i>Follow-up: Elliott to draft PILOT letter to our legislators</i></p>	<p>impact Huntington. While reductions to PILOT reimbursements may help the State deficit, it would shift the burden onto local property taxes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Selectboard recommended that Elliott draft a letter stating concern that PILOT funds not be reduced for State lands and that the Selectboard does not support shifting the burden of the State budget deficit onto local property taxes.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Town Office Repairs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elliott prepared a request for quotes for the work to address the Town Office south basement wall drainage problems. This notice will be placed on Front Porch Forum. Contractors are also asked to submit a quote for replacement of the south-facing basement windows.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>March 16 Selectboard Meeting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6:00pm: Oaths of Office and Election of Officers – meeting will be upstairs in the Town Office</li> <li>• 6:30pm: Selectboard meeting will move to the Church Annex for the public information meeting on the Town Hall Easement.</li> <li>• 8:00pm: Selectboard will close the public information meeting and address their annual organizational agenda items.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Town Meeting Prep</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selectboard conducted a final review of the Articles for Town Meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MOTION: ADJOURNMENT</b></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION:</u></b> Livak moved and Hendrickson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm. Passed unanimously.</p>
	<p>03/02/15 – Meeting date  03/05/15 – Draft/unapproved minutes distributed and posted on website.  03/16/15 – Final/approved minutes approved  03/20/15 – Approved minutes sent to Town Clerk for recording &amp; website posting</p>