

**Town of Ferrisburgh  
Vermont Green Line Committee  
ADOPTED Minutes  
May 18, 2016**

The Vermont Green Line Committee (VGL Committee) met at the Town Offices, Ferrisburgh, VT on May 18, 2016 at 3:32 pm.

Committee Members present: John Bull, Vaughn Collins, Craig Heindel, Jim Warden.

Committee Members absent: Keith Wagner.

Other Attendees: Dave Marshall, P.E. (4:00 pm; CEA, engineering consultant to town); Jim Carroll (4:00 pm; town attorney).

3:32 pm: Craig called the meeting to order.

1. Jim Warden moved to adopt the minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting as presented. Vaughn Collins seconded.  
Vote: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstain (Vaughn Collins).
2. Electronic versions of correspondence, documents: Committee members agreed this is important, so that it's easy to post all documents on the town website, and so it's easy to distribute documents to committee members and others. John will request an electronic copy of the Section 1111 road access permit application that he recently received from TRC.
3. Section 1111 road access permit application: John noted that he received VGL's application today for the borings to be conducted every 500 feet (+/-) along the cable route under town roads, with VGL's request that the application not be acted on until after the results of the advisory survey in New Haven are available (last day of survey is 5/24) and VGL has given the "go-ahead" to John. We discussed the application. John will list the following items as conditions of the permit:
  - a. Copy of boring logs and other technical data be provided to the Town as soon as reasonable.
  - b. Letters be sent to all abutters along the town-road route explaining the boring program (approximate dates, hours, type of traffic control, impacts on property access [none anticipated], etc.; further details to be provided by John Bull), and providing a 7-days/week call number if abutters have questions or concerns; letters to be sent at least 7 days before beginning the borings.

Jim Carroll noted that this type of minor Section 1111 application does not need a warned Selectboard hearing; John Bull is authorized to issue this permit on his own, as agent for the Selectboard. Jim did note that the final Section 1111 application on the use of the town roads and rights-of-way is a major project, and will need a properly warned and conducted Selectboard hearing in a special single-topic meeting. He recommended that he attend that hearing.

4. Electro-magnetic field: After discussion, it was decided that Craig would ask VGL to provide an expert report on this topic, specifically addressing the two topics of potential impacts on human health, particularly regarding residences close to the cable route; and the potential for stray voltage impacts, particularly relating to farm animals in barns close to the cable route.
5. Coordination with other towns: After discussion, it was decided that the following people would contact town representatives to ask about road considerations, electromagnetic fields, and any other issues that had come up in those towns:

- Benson, VT, regarding the TDI New England cable under town roads (similar HVDC cable project, received state and federal permits early in 2016, has not been installed yet). John Bull will contact the road foreman, and one of the Selectboard members.
  - Ludlow, VT, regarding the TDI New England cable possibly under town roads. Vaughn Collins will contact one of the Selectboard members.
  - New Haven, VT. Craig will contact the lead person in New Haven, to maintain communications with them.
6. Escrow Account update: Craig reported that the invoice-approval and payment procedures for the town's expert advisors on this project has been worked out: Invoices will be received by the Town Clerk; Gloria will scan or hand-deliver them to Craig; Craig will review for accuracy, and sign them "OK to pay" on behalf of the VLG Committee (if he sees possible errors, he will review the invoices with the full committee); Committee-approved invoices will be presented for approval to the Selectboard at their regular twice-monthly meetings in the "General Business" section of their meetings (not through the "warrant" process); if they agree, the Selectboard will sign the invoices "approved to be paid from the Escrow Account"; Gloria will scan and email the signed invoices to Joan Donahue, Escrow Agent; Joan will notify Gloria and the VGL Committee when each invoice is paid, and what the remaining balance in the escrow account is.
7. Skowhegan, Maine flowable-fill information: Dave Marshall reported that he spoke with the road foreman in Skowhegan, Maine based on Interra personnel reporting that there was a similar use of flowable fill as is proposed in Ferrisburgh, in that town for a buried gas line installed 2 years ago (as mentioned in Interra's presentation at the 4/28/2016 meeting). The Skowhegan road foreman explained that the installation was in good-quality compacted gravel road sub-base of substantial depth, so it would not be a comparable installation to Ferrisburgh's roads with shallow depths of road sub-base, then clay, saturated sand or bedrock beneath. Committee requested Dave to contact TRC and Interra to ask if they can provide any other examples of installations of the proposed flowable fill in more comparable conditions. Craig will contact TRC, Interra and VGL that Dave will be making this inquiry.
8. Craig made a motion for the committee to enter into executive session in order to confer with the town attorney Jim Carroll and the town's consulting engineer Dave Marshall regarding the draft Host Town Agreement, for the reason that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the committee and Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage. Vaughn seconded.  
Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.
9. Craig Heindel made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of conferring with attorney Carroll and the town's consulting engineer Dave Marshall regarding the draft Host Town Agreement. Vaughn seconded.  
Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.

Executive Session: The committee entered executive session at 4:05 pm. The committee discussed the draft Host Town Agreement.

5:50 pm: Jim Warden made a motion to come out of executive session. Vaughn seconded.  
Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.

10. Next Committee meeting: Wed. June 1, 3:30 pm starting with regular open session; followed by likely executive session at 4:00 pm to meet with counsel. Committee meetings are scheduled on as-needed basis, so meetings after this date have not been scheduled yet.

11. Selectboard meetings: The topic of the Vermont Green Line project will be on the Selectboard meeting agendas for the next few months, so a VGL Committee member should attend each SB meeting to provide the update. SB meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 6:30 pm. June 7, 21; July 5, 19; August 2, 16; Sept. 6, 20. Craig thinks he can attend most of these meetings, except not July 5 so another committee member should attend that meeting.

No further actions were taken.

5:55 pm: Craig made motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Warden seconded.  
Vote: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain.

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