

Town of Hartford, Vermont

Ad-hoc Committee for the 2016 Town Survey

Meeting Minutes 19 Aug 2016 – UNAPPROVED DRAFT

Committee members present: Simon Dennis, Lannie Collins, Richard Liscinsky, Connie Reimer, Rebecca White; by phone: F. X. Flinn; absent: John Flynn

Dennis called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM

Committee reviewed Agenda. No changes.

The committee reviewed the version 6 of the survey. This iteration incorporated changes based on suggestions made by the Selectboard during the presentation on 16 August.

Each committee member was given an opportunity to suggest final changes. Discussion ensued as each point was raised. Only three modifications were approved:

1. It was moved, seconded and approved 5 aye, 0 nay, 1 abstention to modify Q2 to change the Impact wording to "Taxes increase n% - x%" in place of "Increase taxes n% - x% annually."
2. It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to change item i. in Q1 to read "Solid Waste Transfer Station" instead of "Transfer Center"
3. It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to ask Zach to consider moving the comment boxes in Q3 and Q7 below the items instead of to the right of the items.

The chair will let UNH know who the local contact will be.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to adopt the survey as amended by action at this meeting and to dispatch it to UNH for final preparation.

It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the minutes of 8/1 and 8/8 as presented.

The committee discussed possible future meetings, but was unable to quickly set a date. Instead it determined that it needed to develop a marketing or publicity strategy and get it funded if need be. To that end, Becca White will draft a marketing plan and circulate it as a Google Sheet for comments and costing out. The chair will determine the next meeting date after conducting a Doodle poll.

The chair congratulated the committee on the rapid execution of the task of drafting the survey.

Meeting closed at 7:03 pm on a unanimously approved motion.

Note: Version 7 of the survey with the changes to Q1 and Q2 is available to committee members and UNH on the shared Google Drive folder.