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PSB has now said press can be there and the Town can bring people as "staff."

Letter from legislator to a select board member and a Conservation Commission member, enclosing statement from PSB member Cheney:

Andrea and Bob,

Regarding Docket 8643, I received a reply from PSB member Margaret Cheney regarding my questions as to whether representatives of the Town of Hinesburg as well as the press would be allowed to attend the technical hearing. Here is her reply:

- "1. Yes, the Town of Hinesburg is a party in this Docket and therefore is entitled to be present at the hearing, represented by counsel, with its legal principal (e.g., the Selectboard chair, Michael Bissonette or a designee) and Hinesburg's testifying witness(es). Although the Hinesburg Conservation Commission is not a party (and therefore would not attend in its own right), the Town could consider inviting a representative of the Conservation Commission to accompany the Town to the hearing as staff.
2. Yes, press will be allowed to attend the hearing in person. Based on the size of the space available, we may need to limit the number of individuals in the room, in which case we envision the equivalent of a press "pool." But this may not be necessary. Bottom line, yes."

Along with the other measures, such as calling in to hear the proceedings, this response will contribute to the transparency of the proceedings in my opinion. I hope this helps. If you have any other questions I can help with, let me know.

Regards,
Mike

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Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.

~ Howard Zinn