

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 14, 2016**

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Members Present: David Gagnier, Chair; Brian Jones, Vice-Chair; Roger Audet; Lucy Hankinson and Roland Boivin  
Members Absent: None  
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Mark Lehouillier; Ryan Nolan; Jim Fontaine; GMATV videotaped this meeting.

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David Gagnier called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. **Welcome & Public Comment:** Welcome, agenda changes accepted to add PO 2017-02 for crushing \$31,000 and Executive Session.
2. **Public Comment:** Dave Gagnier reported that Mike Dubie has submitted a resignation from the town highway crew.
3. **Road and Bridge Standards.** A new draft policy was handed out for review. The State of Vermont has been asked to review and comments are expected for the August board meeting.
4. **Road Foreman Advertisement:** A few applications have come in and the board will give it a couple more weeks. Mike Dubie's resignation creates a second opening and the Board will need to approve an Assistant's job description before advertising. Roland suggested posting an internal ad for a week first, similar to what was done for the Road Foreman position, before opening to external applicants.
5. **2016 Bike-Ped Grant** – Ron reviewed the draft grant application, due tomorrow, which would support a project costing over \$800,000 and requiring a 20% local match; connecting Main Street, Church St, the roundabout and the Municipal Offices. The Selectboard would like to meet with the Village Trustees to discuss highway grants and sidewalk improvements within the village to be ready for the next grant round. Motion by Brian to defer the application. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Ron will ask the Trustees if the Selectboard could have time at their August monthly meeting to discuss future village sidewalk grants.
6. **North Hyde Park Scoping Report – TA13(14)** – Ron reported that the final report is posted online and the grant is ready to be closed. Motion by Roger to sign the scoping report acceptance document and close out the grant. Seconded by Brian. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
7. **Monthly Reports:** Cash accounts, year-end budget and sheriff reports were reviewed.
8. **Minutes:** Motion by Brian to approve the minutes from 06/29/2016, as written. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
9. **Review Town Orders:** Motion by Roger to approve & sign the town orders. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
10. **Other Business and Notices:**
  - a. **Purchase Order #2017-02** – Motion by Brian to approve purchase order #2017-02 for \$31,000 for crushing 10,000 yards of gravel by McCullough at \$3.09 per yard. Seconded by Roland. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Two other bids were received: McDonald \$3.85 per yard and Tucker at \$3.25 per yard.

- b. **ACO Advertisement** – Ron and Dave are handling dog issues as they come up, which involves phone work and presenting options to those involved. There has been no interest in taking on the part-time duties of Animal Control Officer. Ron will post on Front Porch Forum. Ron reported on a recent dog versus dog bite.
  - c. **Fire Chief Meeting** – Roland reported that Dave and Roland met with the fire chief noting that 4 dry hydrants need to be repaired. Dave stated that the chief is recommending the town budget include \$1,500 each year for dry hydrant repairs. Ron will apply for the Ferry St dry hydrant grant and see if other locations can also be included. Roland stated that drug testing of town employees would be good to start, along with physicals, to limit town liability. Ron reported that the town attorney would like to meet with the Selectboard on policies and the board agreed to invite her to the August meeting.
  - d. **Pocket Park** – Ron asked if the Selectboard would allow up to \$2,000 for concrete work from the sidewalk reserve account to help build a courthouse pocket park. Dave will contact DirtTek, the company rebuilding the roundabout this summer, to see if they can help or donate some services or materials to finish the project in the near future.
  - e. **Zoning Ordinance** – Ron noted that the petition period ends July 20, 2016, and if no petition, then it becomes effective, replacing the 2009 zoning and subdivision regulations. The State of Vermont, Town of New Haven and NOFA-VT are looking at the new zoning's Agricultural Enterprise provision as a template or starting point for other municipalities.
11. **Executive Session:** Motion By Brian to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters and the current zoning appeal before Environmental Court. Seconded by Roger. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
12. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by Roger. Seconded by Roland. So voted at 8:15 p.m.