

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 3, 2015**

**SELECTBOARD:** David Gagnier, Brian Jones, Roger Audet, Roland Boivin and Pierre Couture

**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER:** Kimberly J. Moulton

**TOWN MODERATOR:** David Hallquist

---

Selectboard Chair, David Gagnier called the Town of Hyde Park Annual Meeting to order at 10:00am. D. Gagnier read the Hyde Park Town Meeting Warning including Article 1.

**Article 1** To elect Town and School District Officers as required by ballot.  
Selectboard Member for a term of two years – Brian A. Jones  
Selectboard Member for a term of three years – Roger Audet  
Lister for a term of three years – Gary L. Anderson  
School Director for a term of two years – Lisa Jones Barry  
School Director for the remaining of a two year term – Brian Marshall  
Lamoille Union District # 18 School Director for a term of three years – Balu Raman  
Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management Supervisor for a term of two years - Harold I. Bailey

**Article 2** To elect the following Town Officers from the floor:

Moderator for a term of one year: Selectboard Chair Gagnier asked for nominations for moderator. Raven Walters nominated David Hallquist for Moderator and the nomination was seconded by Carl Szlachetka. Hearing no other nominations, there was a motion and a second to cease nominations and instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot for David Hallquist for Moderator for a term of one year. Voted by voice in the affirmative.

Selectboard Chair Gagnier turned the meeting over to Moderator David Hallquist.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a term of one year: Roger Audet nominated Marvin Locke for Collector of Delinquent Taxes and the nomination was seconded by Robert Bourdeau. Hearing no other nominations, there was a motion and a second to cease nominations. Marvin Locke was elected by a voice vote.

One Town Grand Juror for a term of one year: Marilyn May nominated Edward French Jr. for Town Grand Juror and the nomination was seconded by Paul Trudell. Hearing no other nominations, there was a motion and a second to cease nominations. Ed French Jr. was elected by a voice vote.

Town Agent for a term of one year: Edward French Jr. was nominated for Town Agent from the floor and the nomination was seconded by Vicki Emerson. Hearing no other nominations, there was a motion and a second to cease nominations. Ed French Jr. was elected by a voice vote.

Cemetery Commissioner for a term of five years: Judy Lanphear nominated Nioka Houston for Cemetery Commissioner and the nomination was seconded by Lisa Barry. Hearing no other nominations, there was a motion and a second to cease nominations. Nioka Houston was elected by a voice vote.

Library Trustee for a five year term: Julie Rohleder nominated Emily Dearborn for Library Trustee. Hearing no other nominations, there was a motion and a second to cease nominations. Emily Dearborn was elected by a show of hands.

**Article 3** To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers

D. Gagnier spoke for the Selectboard and introductions for all Selectboard members was given. D. Gagnier recognized Kim Moulton for her work on the annual town report. D. Gagnier also recognized Kenny Alexander

who is planning on retiring. The town report was dedicated to Kenny this year. D. Gagnier asked Mark Lehouillier and Ryan Nolan to come up and accept the resolution on behalf of the town. B. Jones proceeded to read the House Concurrent Resolution given to Ken Alexander, Road Commissioner. D. Gagnier also thanked the Highway Road Crew for all their hard work on the roads this past year.

D. Gagnier asked if there were any questions regarding the reports in the town report. C. Szlachetka thanked the board for all their hard work again this year.

**Article 4** Shall the voters appropriate \$3,000 for the purchase and installation of E-911 house and business number signs?

There was a motion by George Cook and a second by Larry Jourdan to move the article. George Cook spoke for the article. He thanked the voters for approving the article from last year. G. Cook then showed an example of the E911 number signs being installed town wide by volunteers from the FAST Squad, Hyde Park Fire Department and the North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department. G. Cook stated that they are looking for volunteers for the Fast Squad.

R. Bourdeau as if he could install his own sign. G. Cook stated as long as the signs installation conforms to the requirements and the sign is actually installed as promised by the homeowner. G. Cook stated more signs will be installed this summer.

R. Griswold stated the Sterling View signs are not the same as what is being installed around town. She is concerned that their signs will not be visible due to the height of the snow banks.

T. Yarrow thanked G. Cook and the volunteers for their efforts. He questioned the height of the signs and if the aesthetics of the signs could be alleviated by GPS being on board responding vehicles as well as being able to respond quicker to a call. G. Cook stated that the FAST Squad responds in their own vehicles and all vehicles have GPS on board. Voted by voice in the affirmative and the article passed.

**Article 5** Shall the voters appropriate \$200 for the Hyde Park Village Improvement Association?

There was a motion by Jack Anderson and a second by Carl Szlachetka to move this article. Duncan Tingle spoke on behalf of the Village Improvement Association and stated that the \$200 will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the town clock. Voted by voice in the affirmative and the article passed.

**Article 6** Shall the voters approve, in addition to any other appropriations approved in prior articles, a total general fund expenditures amount for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 of \$2,197,700 of which \$1,847,250 shall be raised by taxes and \$350,450 by non-tax revenue?

There was a motion by Carl Szlachetka and a second by Marilyn Zophar to move the article. C. Szlachetka asked the Selectboard to explain the increase in health insurance and dental insurance. D. Gagnier stated that the increase is due to an employee being added to the plan, a 10% increase in premiums and changes to the Affordable Care Act for changes in the health expenses and an employee being added to the dental plan.

D. Gagnier spoke of the lack of Grand List growth. He reviewed the revenue and expenses of the proposed budget.

C. Szlachetka questioned the car dealership use of the building on VT 15 and wanted to know if this affects the Grand List. D. Gagnier stated not this year. C. Szlachetka asked about taxing inventory at the car dealership. D. Gagnier says inventory is not taxed. Voted by voice in the affirmative and the article passed.

**Article 7** Shall the voters approve the payment of property taxes to the Town Treasurer in four equal installments (32 V.S.A. 4792), as listed below; with delinquent taxes and assessments have charged against them an eight percent (8%) commission after the fourth installment (32 V.S.A. § 1674) and interest charges of one percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months; and thereafter, one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month of fraction thereof from the due date of such tax? Such interest shall be imposed

on a fraction of a month as if it were an entire month (32 V.S.A § 5136). Payments are due in the hands of the Treasurer by 4:00 P.M. on the below due dates. Only official U.S.P.S. cancellation marks will be accepted if postmarked on or before the due date (32 V.S.A. § 4773).

First installment to be paid on or before Monday, August 31, 2015  
Second installment to be paid on or before Monday, November 16, 2015  
Third installment to be paid on or before Monday, February 15, 2016  
Fourth installment to be paid on or before Monday, May 16, 2016

There was a motion by Carl Szlachetka and a second by Nioka Houston to move this article. K. Geiersbach questioned the February 15, 2016 due date as it is the President's Day holiday. There was a motion from the floor to amend the motion to have the third installment due on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Voted by voice in the affirmative and the amendment passed. Voted by voice in the affirmative and the article passed

**Article 8** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

J. Degree asked about the completion date of sidewalks on Johnson Street Extension. D. Gagnier stated that is a Village of Hyde Park project. J. Anderson from the Village Board of Trustees stated that they hope to have them in this summer.

C. Szlachetka asked if people who show on the delinquent tax report who then apply for permits could be denied their permits until their taxes are paid. D. Gagnier asked if there were any objections to allow Ron Rodjenski, the Town Administrator and Zoning Administrator and who is not a Hyde Park resident to speak on this issue. Hearing no objections, R. Rodjenski stated no that it could not be done. C. Szlachetka asked if the town could make this change. R. Rodjenski stated not without a creation of a town charter.

D. Gagnier thanked Ron Rodjenski for all his hard work.

D. Gagnier stated there are volunteer opportunities available with the town and to see Ron Rodjenski at the Town Clerk's office for more information. D. Gagnier noted that dog licenses are due by April 1 and are being sold by the Clerk's staff in the lobby today.

Marc Gilbertson thanked the Cricket Hill volunteers for all their hard work during this extremely cold winter. He invited everyone to check out the trails.

C. Szlachetka asked if Sheriff Roger Marcoux could speak to the increase in his budget. Sheriff Marcoux first introduced Deputy John Ross as the school resource officer to LUHS. Regarding the budget, the department is buying and outfitting a new vehicle. They buy a new vehicle approximately every 11 years. He also stated that they lost some senior officers and have been able to save some money by hiring entry level officers. He stated they are seeing an increase in domestic violence and mental health calls. Sheriff Marcoux thanked George Cook for all his efforts with the E911 signs and stated that it is a valuable asset.

K. Donnally asked if there was training for the domestic violence and mental health calls. Sheriff Marcoux stated that there is training.

C. Szlachetka asked Sheriff Marcoux about his views regarding legalizing marijuana. Sheriff Marcoux stated he is against it. He stated it sends a bad message to our youth.

T. Yarrow thanked Sheriff Marcoux and his deputies for their work in the county. He wanted to know if the department has any surplus military equipment. Sheriff Marcoux stated they has 3 patrol rifles from 14-15 years ago and 2 humvees. He stated that the humvees work well during flooding and they are available to all emergency services in Lamoille County.

Sheriff Marcoux stated that he is still meeting with and monitoring the sexual predator living in Hyde Park.

Sheriff Marcoux spoke about the situation with the radio communication tower on Davis Hill. They have a new tower as of August that was funded with some grants and other Sheriff's Department resources. He feels this

tower will serve the community for years to come. Another antennae on a former windmill tower on Ken Harvey's property now serves the North Hyde Park area.

D. Gagnier stated there are gems in town such as the Opera House and the Lanpher Memorial Library. D. Gagnier asked Emily Dearborn and Jim Noyes to come and speak of all the good things going on at the Library. Jim Noyes stated that the addition that was done about ten years ago that was put on has allowed the library to offer a lot more programs to community and neighboring towns. E. Dearborn stated that Amy Olsen, the Library Director, is a master at what she does. J. Noyes stated that Amy Olsen and the staff at the library work hard to coordinate programs with the Hyde Park Elementary School.

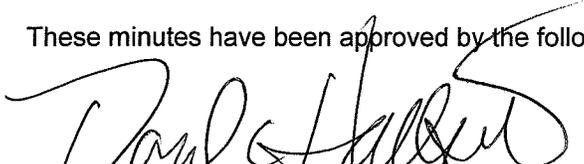
R. Walters stated that the Hyde Park Elementary School has a Destination Imagination team. The DI team has a service learning project and they are currently raising money for the library to be able to expand their book collection. Look for the DI donation box at the library.

There was a motion by C. Szlachetka to adjourn that was seconded by R. Bourdeau. The meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate report of the votes taken at the Hyde Park Annual Town Meeting held Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly J. Moulton, Town Clerk

These minutes have been approved by the following two Town Officials:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
David Hallquist, Moderator  
\_\_\_\_\_  
David Gagnier, Selectboard Chair