

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
The Village of Hyde Park, Vermont
May 11, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Board of Trustees met in regular session on May 11 at the Lanpher Memorial Library on Main Street.

Trustees Present

Frederika (Riki) French, Chair
John (Jack) Anderson
Tim Yarrow
Peter Gallo

Others Present

Carol Robertson, General Manager
Dan Young, Village Resident
Amy O'Toole, Village Resident
Tom O'Toole, Village Resident

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., welcomed those in attendance and reviewed the agenda. The GM requested the addition of two items: Dan Young's letter regarding Sylvan Road and Amy O'Toole's concerns regarding noise and traffic on Church Street. The agenda was approved with the two additions, which were added to the agenda to follow open public comments. The Chair opened the floor for public comments and there were none.

Dan Young discussed his second letter to the Selectboard, which was copied to the Trustees. His second letter gives a rationale for the causes of the erosion. Following discussion, Mr. Young departed the meeting. Amy and Tom O'Toole presented their concerns regarding noise, heavy traffic, high rates of speed, engine idling, as well as a recent fire department training that disturbed their peace without advance notice. They expressed support for training and wished that the neighborhood had been provided with advance notice. They asked about the Town Noise Ordinance, noting that leaf blowers were operating at the cemetery before 8:00 a.m. on a recent weekend. Following a discussion, they departed at 6:25 p.m. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus that Tim Yarrow will draft a letter to the Fire Chief requesting that neighbors be advised prior to training. Jack Anderson will draft a letter to the Selectboard regarding safety concerns on Church Street. Riki French will draft a letter to the Selectboard regarding enforcement of the Village Traffic and Motor Vehicle Ordinance.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Peter Gallo to nominate Riki French to continue as Chair. The Chair asked for other nominations. There were none. Riki French was elected Chair by unanimous vote of those present.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Riki French to nominate Peter Gallo to continue as Clerk of the Board. The Chair asked for other nominations. There were none. Peter Gallo was elected Clerk of the Board by unanimous vote of those present.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Tim Yarrow to approve the renewal of the Union Bank Short-Term Loan. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion of the Annual Meeting. There was a discussion about requests to repair or replace the sidewalk in front of the Lamoille County Courthouse prior to the grand opening ceremonies. The GM presented a low bid of \$23,800 to remove and replace 350 lf x 6' wide sidewalk, the distance from the Sheriff's driveway entrance to Commonwealth Drive. She reported that the General

Department held \$13,000 in sidewalk reserve funds. Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Jack Anderson to use the \$13,000 sidewalk reserve fund to replace sections of this sidewalk. There was a lengthy discussion. Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Jack Anderson to amend the motion by deleting the period at the end of the motion and adding “, provided that the Selectboard or other contributors provide matching funds to produce a total of \$23,800”. The Chair called for a vote on the amended motion. The amended motion carried unanimously. The Chair called for a vote on the main motion. The main motion carried unanimously.

The warrants were approved and signed. The delinquent account report was reviewed. Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Peter Gallo to approve the April 13 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

The GM gave a detailed progress report on Waterhouse Solar. The LCPC / Northern Borders grant was discussed and the Chair asked for a warned committee meeting of HYDE PARK ARTS at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25 in the Village office. The GM reported that the General Manager of Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (“VPPSA”) had given his resignation notice. His departure date is scheduled for September 30, 2016. There was a general discussion of withdrawal notice options. The General Manager presented the financial reports and discussed operations of all departments: electric, water, wastewater/sewer and general. There was a discussion of the Village Pedestrian Masterplan. The minutes of the final community public forum were presented and reviewed. The Memorandum of Understanding, MPG15 was presented. The GM stated that she and Kate Lalley, Sr. Planner, LCPC state that document fairly provides the board with the consensus opinion of meeting participants regarding the French property. There was a lengthy discussion. Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Jack Anderson to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding, MPG 15. The motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Understanding, MPG 15

Consensus Support

- Public Restrooms
- Elsa French Park, with acceptable guidelines for use that do not compete with local business.

Provisional Consensus Support

- Renovation of the French Family Building with Village municipal office

Provision:

There is no significant Village tax impact caused by the building due to renovation, operation or maintenance/repair.

- To accomplish the provision, the Board of Trustees will pursue options regarding ownership and space sharing alternatives provided that, all options are consistent with Village standards and requirements, ordinances, as well as the non-profit status requirement that is contained in the deed.

Consensus Goal

The renovation will reasonably preserve this historic property to the extent financially possible. The renovation will be quality construction that meets or exceeds Vermont energy standards. The building will support business and economic development, thereby increasing the Village tax base above the reduction caused by removing the home from the tax base.

The GM requested an executive session. Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Jack Anderson to enter executive session at 10:00 p.m. and to include the General Manager in order to discuss contracts because premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved

at a substantial disadvantage and to discuss personnel matters of a confidential nature. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jack Anderson and second by Tim Yarrow to end executive session at 10:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Tim Yarrow and second by Peter Gallo to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. The motion carried.

Frederika French

Date

Regular meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Lanpher Library.