

**Town of Hyde Park
Selectboard Meeting
April 14, 2011**

Selectboard Members present: D. Gagnier, B. Jones, James "Rick" Heath.

Others present: D. Slayton, S. Courville.

Guests: see list attached.

Chairman Rick Heath called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Public Comment:

Mrs. Geiersbach inquired about the status of the town's logo. B. Jones informed those present that artist, Woody Jackson, did not have a problem with the logo looking a bit similar to one of his art pieces. Woody will send a letter stating that.

D. Gagnier presented Road Commissioner, Ken Alexander, with a plaque for his 27 years of service to the Highway Department and commended him for his knowledge and dedication to the Town.

2. Minutes:

Motion was made by B. Jones and seconded by D. Gagnier to accept the minutes of March 10th with one correction. (#16, 3rd paragraph, 6th line – change "heath" to "health."). Motion passed. The March 24th minutes were not available for approval at this meeting.

3. Plowing Cul-de-sac at Plantation Road:

Steve DiCicco attended the meeting to discuss the way the cul-de-sac on Plantation Road is being plowed with regard to his driveway and mailbox. He stated that the road crew is filling in his driveway and mailbox with snow. Pictures were presented by Mr. DiCicco. D. Gagnier explained that the newer highway trucks are larger with larger plows. Dave also explained to him that either way, the angle on the plow is going to fill in either his mailbox or his driveway when the plow makes the turn into the cul-de-sac. D. Gagnier asked Mr. DiCicco if he would be willing to move his mailbox a few feet to one side and Mr. DiCicco declined. Mr. DiCicco informed D. Gagnier that if the highway crew would keep his mailbox free from snow that he would take care of the driveway.

4. Truck Presentations:

The truck quotes (attached) were presented by the following: John Tibbets from R.R. Charlebois, Inc., Gary Barrows from Sheldon Truck, Inc., Ed Cleary from J&B International, Inc., and Randy Clark from Clark's Truck Center. Each representative briefly explained the new features, extended warranties, trade-in, etc.

4. continued –

There was a question and answering period between the representative, Selectboard members, and highway employees.

D. Gagnier and the highway crew will look over each quote thoroughly before a decision is made. They will also visit each truck company and test drive the truck.

Due to each quote being several pages long, for copying purposes, they are available for review - see Selectboard Notebook.

5. **Highway Department Issues:**

Grant/Additional 10% - D. Gagnier reported that the paperwork for the highway grant has been completed and mailed in.

S. Courville received a letter from NEGEF (New England Grassroots Environment Fund) informing the Town they were awarded \$3,000.00. This money will be used to change the existing lighting in the town garage including five motion sensors. A signature is required to acknowledge receipt of this grant. D. Gagnier made the motion, seconded by B. Jones to have Chairman R. Heath sign the acknowledgement letter. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier also reported that he had contacted Steve Gorman from Gorman Brothers regarding the cracks on Center Road. Steve doesn't feel there is a problem with the sealer that they put down last summer. Dave will be meeting with Steve again on this issue.

Road Name Request - Joey Pigeon has a two-lot subdivision off East Main Street and submitted two names for the drive/lane – Bieber Lane or Mendiotta Drive. The Selectboard Members were fine with either one.

Roundabout/Church Street Closure – G.W Tatro's, contractors for the roundabout are requesting to close Church Street during the construction period. R. Heath said it was possible, but he wants to check with VTrans first, and also check with emergency services. There is also the question of how long Church Street would be closed. It was also noted that Tatro's office will be located at the town garage during the construction period.

6. **Communications Tower Update:**

R. Heath read a letter from Attorney William Dodge of Downs, Rachlin & Martin, representative for VCOMM and VELCO requesting to change the deadline for the final decision to April 29, 2011 in exchange for moving further consideration of the project to Wednesday, April 27th for the Planning Commission, and Thursday, April 28th for the Selectboard. The purpose of the request is to complete the research and testing required addressing several of the concerns raised by the members and others at the April 7th hearing.

7. **Stormwater Grant Update:**

The Town was approved for a grant up to \$25,000 to purchase a sweeper. Shannon Courville will be meeting with Jane Brown from VTrans to discuss the grant. Mike Dubie, Assistant Road Foreman, will contact Handy Brothers and D. Gagnier will contact Harvest Equipment regarding sweeper prices.

8. **Hyde Log Cabin Sale:**

Town Clerk, Kim Moulton, received an e-mail from Representative Linda Martin informing Kim there was a bill that allows the state's historic preservation division to sell some of their lesser used property. One of the properties was the Hyde log cabin in Grand Isle. The log cabin was built by Jedidiah Hyde one of the earlier settlers and to which Hyde Park was named after. They are giving the right of first refusal to Grand Isle. Linda amended the bill to include having the historic preservation also offer it to Hyde Park. The amendment written was that if the Town of Grand Isle doesn't want the cabin it will be offered to Hyde Park.

Selectboard B. Jones's parents are members of the Hyde Park Historical Society and he will talk to them and they can pass the word on to the other committee members. R. Heath asked Shannon Courville to get additional information and work with B. Jones on this.

9. **Pyrofax Letter:**

The Selectboard received a letter from Pyrofax Energy requesting to meet with the Board to discuss the town's energy needs and to be able to bid on fuel products purchased by the town. Chairman, R. Heath asked B. Jones to reply to Pyrofax's letter. The Selectboard would like to also include R.L. Valley, Champlain Oil and Fred's Propane and Heating Oil.

10. **Emergency Management Coordinator Position:**

Chairman R. Heath read a letter from Brad Carriere requesting to fill the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for the town. D. Gagnier made the motion, seconded by B. Jones to offer this position to Brad. Motion passed. D. Gagnier will notify Brad.

11. **Confirmation of Appointment to LCPC Board of Directors:**

Rich Bailey was re-appointed to the LCPC Board of Directors at a previous meeting. B. Jones made the motion, seconded by D. Gagnier to sign the LCPC confirmation form. Motion passed.

12. **Financials:**

The financial reports were reviewed by the Selectboard members. D. Gagnier asked if the Town had received a check from the Village for the old fire truck. D. Slayton will ask Town Clerk Kim Moulton and have Kim e-mail the members.

13. **Selectboard Orders:**

The Selectboard reviewed the orders and D. Gagnier made the motion, seconded by B. Jones to approve them. Motion passed.

14. **Other Business:**

D. Gagnier reported that the compressor at the town garage kept kicking off. D. Gagnier asked electrician Mark Alexander to take a look at it. It was discovered that the problem was in the electrical box. This was caused by water splashing on to the box when the highway crew would wash their trucks. Mark fixed it temporarily but suggested replacing the entire circuit box with an exterior box. Mark quoted \$1,200.00 for parts and labor. D. Gagnier made the motion, seconded by B. Jones to approve the work. Motion passed.

S. Courville reported that Efficiency Vermont has grant money available. He will work with Larry Jourdan of Jourdan Electric to complete the paperwork for new lighting for the downstairs conference room.

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15. **Highway Personnel/Office Personnel – Possible Executive Session:**

A motion was made by D. Gagnier, seconded by B. Jones to go into Executive Session. Motion passed. The Selectboard went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. The Selectboard came out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. D. Gagnier made the motion, seconded by B. Jones to take action to discharge the Municipal Service Coordinator from employment due to his inability to perform his job duties. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn M. Slayton
Assistant Town Clerk

Attachments: