

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2010**

Selectboard members present: S. Griswold, R. Lanphear, A. Cusson, D. Gagnier, R. Heath.

Others present: D. Slayton, S. Courville, A. Martin (News & Citizen), D. Judkins.

**Welcome new Municipal Services Coordinator:**

S. Griswold called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. welcoming Shannon Courville, the newly hired Municipal Services Coordinator for the town.

**Finalize Municipal Services Coordinator Job Description:**

S. Griswold, K. Moulton and S. Courville will get together to finalize the municipal services coordinator's job description.

**Review of August 12<sup>th</sup> Selectboard Meeting:**

- a) Dog Issue – letter sent to dog owner with a copy to the Sheriff's Dept. Owner signed for letter that was sent certified return receipt requested.
- b) Transportation Grant – letter of support sent.
- c) Speed Limit Request – the sign was installed by the Highway Department.
- d) Review of Center Road – there were not as many complaints as the News and Citizen had printed in last week's paper. A. Cusson reported that he and a rep. from Gorman Brothers looked at Center Road and the chip seal is working. D. Gagnier disagreed with A. Cusson but recommended that they revisit the road in the spring.
- e) Development Review Board & Planning Commission – S. Griswold contacted VLCT to see if both boards could go from a seven member board to a five member board. VLCT informed Scott that it could be done by amending the bylaws, although, member participation has improved.
- f) Water Cooler Update - the Board will look at costs again.

**Letter of Support for Vermont National Guard:**

No one on the Board has received any negative feedback on the proposed construction of a Field Maintenance Shop and Readiness Center that will be located in North Hyde Park. Therefore, A. Cusson made the motion, seconded by R. Heath, to send a letter of support signed by S. Griswold on behalf of the Selectboard. Passed unanimously.

**Brook Road – Status of Repair of the Road:**

A. Cusson reported that the Board accepted the bid from Contractor Crane Service. With the help of AOT the town was able to obtain emergency funds to help with the bridge project. The State has agreed to fund up to \$175,000 with the Town's share being 10% of the project.

It was agreed by the Board to cancel the Special Town Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

A. Cusson distributed copies of the bridge plans to the board members for review. He stated that the road should be open by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

R. Heath made the motion, seconded by A. Cusson to cancel the Special Town Meeting scheduled for September 20th. Passed unanimously. S. Griswold asked Shannon to let K. Moulton know so she can advertise the cancellation of the Special Town Meeting.

**Listers Errors & Omissions:**

R. Heath made the motion, seconded by A. Cusson to sign the errors and omission form authorizing the listers to correct the 2010 Grand List . Passed unanimously.

**Marshall Swift Cost Table Agreement w/State of Vermont:**

R. Heath made the motion, seconded by R. Lanphear to authorize S. Griswold to sign the letter of agreement for computer appraisal services with the State of Vermont, Department of Taxes. Passed unanimously.

**Highway Department Equipment:**

Two additional bids were obtained for the purchase of a tractor. A. Cusson reviewed each bid in detail with the board members. After a lengthy discussion, R. Heath made the motion, seconded by R. Lanphear to purchase the John Deere for \$36,015.43. Motion passed with S. Griswold, R. Lanphear, R. Heath and A. Cusson in favor and D. Gagnier opposed.

R. Heath asked to be excused from the meeting for another engagement.

S. Griswold asked A. Cusson to get prices on a drag box and a roller for the highway department. S. Griswold also asked Shannon to have Kim run another ad for used oil. It was also reported that Robert Jones bought the town's old mower.

**Review of Building Renovations:**

S. Griswold distributed an expense sheet for the town office exterior renovations. (copy attached). He will be putting together information and cost figures for the renovation of the downstairs conference room to bring it up to code, and will present it at this year's town meeting. Scott thanked Allen for all his hard work in overseeing the renovation projects this year.

**Rec Committee Update:**

D. Judkins joined the meeting to give the Board an update on the grant application for the rec fields in the amount of \$10,200.00. Total project is \$25,122.00. The project includes the installation of a septic system for bathrooms, a concession stand, and the installation of a fence around the playground. D. Judkins requested a letter of support from the Selectboard. A. Cusson made the motion, seconded by R. Lanphear, to write a letter of support. Passed unanimously.

**Minutes of August 12 and August 26:**

The minutes were reviewed and A. Cusson made a motion, seconded by R. Lanphear to accept the minutes of August 12<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>. Passed unanimously.

**Financials:**

The financials were reviewed and discussed by the Board. S. Griswold asked D. Slayton to ask K. Moulton what the \$690.18 was on page 10 under "heavy equipment maintenance." She can e-mail the members with her answer.

**Selectboard Orders and Recreation Orders:**

The Board Orders were reviewed. Motion made by A. Cusson, seconded by R. Lanphear to approve the orders. Motion passed, with D. Gagnier abstaining from signing off on the Sanel bills.

**Other Business:**

S. Griswold reported on upcoming meetings and asked the Board members to review the current Town Plan for questions and/or concerns that may be brought up at the upcoming meeting.

S. Griswold distributed a “draft” policy for campaigning outside of polling places on Election Day. He asked Shannon to work with K. Moulton on the policy making sure they adhere to the State Statutes.

D. Gagnier was approached by a property owner requesting that a “yield” sign be placed at the triangle of McKinstry Hill and Cooper Hill Road. It was the consensus of the Board that two “yield” signs should be erected, both at the end of Cooper Hill Road. A. Cusson will ask Ken Alexander to install the signs.

On a motion by A. Cusson, seconded by R. Lanphear, the Selectboard went into executive session at 7:55 p.m. They came out of executive session by consensus at 8:30 p.m. No action taken.

A. Cusson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn M. Slayton  
Ass't Town Clerk

Attachments: