

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD MEETING
JULY 8, 2010**

Selectboard Members present: S. Griswold, R. Lanphear, D. Gagnier, A. Cusson.
Others present: K. Moulton, D. Slayton, F. Beltran, S. Monroe.

Chairman, S. Griswold called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Fernando Beltran – US Border Patrol

Fernando Beltran from the U.S. Border Patrol informed the Selectboard they will be conducting checkpoints on various state highways strictly for immigration purposes. The local Sheriffs' Department and the Vermont State Police are invited to participate at these checkpoints if they so desire. The Border Patrol share their resources with these departments. Mr. Beltran provided his phone number and the number for the U.S. Border Patrol to report any suspicious activity.

Steve Munroe – LCPC – Update of the Community Protection Grant

Steve Munroe from LCPC gave an update on the Community Protection Grant. He is putting together a Wild Fire Plan for Hyde Park and will be mapping the difficult areas. He requested that a Selectboard member attend one of the LCPC meetings for their input when the process begins. LCPC continues to assist Hyde Park with their municipal plan.

Hyde Park Elementary School – Parking Lot Plowing

R. Lanphear reported for the Highway Department regarding the snowplowing at the HPES. At one time, it was one big parking lot and now there are too many obstacles (signs, curbs, posts, etc) to plow around. This will cost the town overtime if they continue to plow the parking lot. R. Lanphear suggested that the school have a detailed contract when they put it out to bid this year.

S. Griswold asked K. Moulton to find out when the next school board meeting is as he would like to be put on the agenda.

Highway Department – Tractor/Mower

R. Lanphear reported that the tractor we presently have is over 30 years old and needs to be replaced. He has found two, one from Riverside and the other at Demarais'. This purchase would come from the capital fund. D. Gagnier inquired about local dealers. Russ will get additional prices.

R. Lanphear also reported the mower will be here next week. Russ reported that the new mower has a 5 ft. blade as 6ft. blades are hard to find. The mower purchase will come out of the small equipment fund. The mower will be arriving next week.

Municipal Tax Rate

An informational sheet with the town and school tax rate was distributed. The rates are as follows:

Municipal rate -	\$0.5884
Education homestead rate -	\$1.3084
Education non-residential rate -	\$1.3731
Combined homestead rate -	\$1.8968
Combined non-residential rate -	\$1.9615

S. Griswold asked for a motion to accept the town tax rate. Motion made by A. Cusson, seconded by R. Lanphear. Motion passed.

The tax bills will be mailed out next week.

Bank Notes

The Union Bank note for \$85,000 for the building renovations was approved at the June 22nd meeting. The note was signed by the Selectboard members.

The Board reviewed the quotes for the municipal line of credit. The Merchant's Bank quoted 2.28%, the Union Bank was 2.05% and Community National was 1.95%. A. Cusson made the motion, seconded by D. Gagnier to accept Community National's quote. Motion passed.

Fireworks Permit

Motion was made by A. Cusson, seconded by D. Gagnier to sign the two firework permits. Motion passed.

Listers Errors & Omissions for Grand List

There were three corrections to the Grand List. Motion made by A. Cusson, seconded by R. Lanphear to accept the three corrections. Motion passed.

Building Use Permit & Agreement

The building use permit and agreement was reviewed by the Selectboard. A motion was made by A. Cusson, seconded by D. Gagnier to accept the new building use permit and agreement. Motion passed.

Financials

The Selectboard reviewed the year end financials. S. Griswold reported that the Village improvement will be taking over the town clock. The town's auditor recommends showing the \$94,000 surplus in the general fund. It was discussed how the surplus would be used.

Board Orders

S. Griswold asked for a motion to sign the board orders. A. Cusson made the motion, seconded by R. Lanphear. Motion passed and the orders were approved.

Minutes of June 10th, 18th & June 22nd

There was one correction in the June 10th minutes under "financials". The third sentence should read "There may also be a surplus in the general fund this...." A. Cusson made the motion, seconded by R. Lanphear to accept the three sets of minutes with the one correction. Motion passed.

Other Business

S. Griswold reported that the outside renovations are coming along very well and he is pleased with Baker Builder's work.

A. Cusson reported that the air conditioning unit will be raised ten inches and stone will be placed under the unit.

Employee Review – Possible Executive Session

On a motion by A. Cusson, seconded by D. Gagnier the Selectboard went into executive session at 8:07 p.m., asking K. Moulton to stay, to discuss an employee's review.

The Selectboard left executive session by consensus at 8:55 p.m. No action taken.

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A. Cusson made the motion, seconded by R. Lanphear, to give Monita Neill the hourly raise as discussed in executive session and in addition, to offer her an annual stipend for Assistant Treasurer which was also discussed in executive session, retroactive to July 1st, 2010. Unanimously passed.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn M. Slayton
Ass't. Town Clerk

Attachments: