

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

January 6, 2011

Selectboard (SB) Members present: Scott Griswold (SG), Chairman, Allen Cusson (AC), David Gagnier (DG), Rick (Jim) Heath (RH) and Vice-Chairman (arrived at 6:15pm)

Selectboard Member absent: Russell Lanphear (RL)

Others present: Kim Moulton (KM), Shannon Courville (SC), Andrew Martin, Brad Carriere (arrived 6:30pm), GMATV

SG called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1) Health Insurance: SG wrote a letter to employees explaining a 12% increase for insurance costs, and the need to have employees pay 10% of the cost of their health insurance. SG would like board approval to give letter to employees with next paycheck. Letter approved by consensus.

2) Dogs-Special License: Reviewed a Special License Acknowledgement form created so applicants of a "Special License" must acknowledge the requirements to obtain the license. AC moved and seconded by DG to accept Special License Acknowledgement as part of the License process. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Minutes of November 4, December 9, December 15:

AC moved and seconded by DG.

November 4 – Motion passed, AC abstain.

December 9 – Motion passed unanimously.

December 15 – Motion passed, RH abstain.

4) Roundabout: The project has gone out to bid. The construction will start in April 2011 with scheduled completion in November 2011. SG recently met with HPES Principal Michelle Mathias, LCPC, Sheriff Marcoux and the State Agency of Transportation to express traffic concerns. AOT will monitor truck traffic and periodically have scales on site to prevent overweight trucks going through the village trying to avoid the construction site. SG says that No Parking signs have been installed by the elementary school. LCPC is working on signage for detours that commuters can take during construction. AOT is willing to do presentation at Town Meeting. State says traffic count at intersection of VT 100 & VT 15 is the same as traffic that goes through new roundabout in Barre.

5) New Truck Discussion: AC presented quotes for a new truck to replace the 2002 International. There was general discussion on the pros and cons of each truck. AC thinks prices quoted are good for 60 days. Trade in values on the quotes assumes 2002 International is being traded fully loaded. Get input from Highway Department on the trucks and the plow equipment. It was noted that there would not be enough money in the Highway Equipment Fund until February 2012 to be able to pay cash for the truck. If purchased sooner, we would need to borrow from the line of credit. The Selectboard asked AC to have the salesman attend the February 2011 Selectboard meeting.

Moved Agenda item 7 up to accommodate Brad Carriere's arrival and departure.

6) Town Report: Budget: For Fast Squad, discussion turned over to Brad Carriere. There are currently 10 members, but 2 will be asked to resign. Fast Squad responded to around 80 calls last year. NEMS comes to provide training once a month. The request for the 2011/2012 budget is the same as the current year, \$2,000. The current year expenses have been for small office supplies and radio repairs. SG requested a list of members. Brad Carriere left at 7:00pm

The proposed 2011/2012 budget is approximately \$40,000 less than last year. SG asked if Town should level fund. If we level fund, we could potentially hire another highway crew member for the Highway Department. This would be an increase of a full time position in the highway department. We currently have 4 employees in the highway department. There was a consensus to level fund. SG and KM will put together a level funded budget to be presented at next meeting.

SG discussed the Selectboard report for the Town Report. SG will write the report and will address building renovations, highway equipment purchases, parking lot, roundabout, Brook Rd project, the budget being presented, renovations to the lower level of the municipal office and thanking RL for all of his years of service to the Town. Since RL is not running, there will be an opening on the Selectboard.

It was noted that Gary Anderson will not be running for Lister due to other commitments. He stated that he will still be available for questions. Julie Rohleder will be running for Lister again.

Capital Equipment Plan: There was general discussion regarding the Capital Equipment Plan. Edits to the plan were recommended and a final version will be presented at the next Selectboard meeting for approval.

Warning: The Warning was presented as it stands now. The deadline to present petitions to add articles to the Warning for Town Meeting is January 20th. There was general discussion pertaining to the presented Warning. Edits to the Warning were recommended and a final version will be presented to the Selectboard for approval and signing at the next Selectboard meeting.

Charter Change: There was general discussion regarding starting the process to potentially bring the collection of delinquent taxes in house. This is a 2 year process that requires informational meetings, voter approval and approval by the Legislature. Marvin has stated in the past that he would work with the Town when the collection of delinquent taxes does eventually come in house.

7) Planning Commission membership to 5: There have been problems meeting quorums, and no volunteers. RH moved to reduce the number of PC members from 7 to 5. DG 2nd. All in favor.

8) Financials: The financials were reviewed and the Overtime Report reviewed. It was noted that the Highway tank should be filled before the end of current fiscal year. There was general discussion regarding Center Rd. AC will be taking Steve, from Gorman's, up to see the chip

sealing results from this past summer. There have been some complaints that there is no marking in the center of the road on the chip sealed portion of Center Rd.

9) Selectboard Orders: AC moved and JH seconded a motion to sign the Selectboard orders. Passed unanimously.

10) Other Business:

- Certificate of Highway mileage received. Need to verify if VFW Dr is included in the total mileage. State highway aid is based on the number of miles of Town paved roads.
- The Garfield Rd traffic study will be done on the next good weather day.
- We have received notice from the State that our CLA is now 102.16%.
- On Tuesday, January 11th, there will be a luncheon for the Association of Chiefs of Police in Montpelier.
- Tom Litka, founder for Vermonters for Economic Health will be speaking at the Hyde Park VFW at 7:00pm on January 20th.
- Next Selectboard meeting will be January 20th at 6:00pm.

11) Employee Discussion – Possible Executive Session: JH moved and DG seconded a motion to enter executive session, inviting Kim Moulton to remain, to discuss an employee issue at 8:15pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectboard out of Executive Session at 9:00pm by consensus. No action taken.

Motion to adjourn at 9:04pm.