

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

January 20, 2011

Selectboard (SB) Members present: Scott Griswold, Allen Cusson, David Gagnier, James "Rick" Heath, and Russell Lanphear

Others present: Kim Moulton, Shannon Courville, Andrew Martin

S. Griswold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1) Budget: There was discussion regarding the final budget being presented. S. Griswold noted that the line item for signs in the Highway Fund was increased due to the mandate by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) that requires sign replacement by 2012 for all signs not meeting the new letter size and style requirements. The benefit line items have been adjusted to include a possible fifth Highway Department employee. The Listers salary was slightly increased for additional Lister coverage in the office. It was noted that the Selectboard has attempted to level fund the budget. If all articles pass at Town Meeting, the tax rate should stay the same.

J. Heath made a motion seconded by A. Cusson to approve the budget to be presented to voters at Town Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Selectboard Report: S. Griswold will be writing the report and be presenting it to the rest of the board for approval. The report will note all the work that has been done on the building over the last year, the budget being presented and the work we hope to do with that budget, and the on-going work to expand the parking lot at the municipal offices.

3) Town Meeting Warning: Final draft of the Warning was reviewed.

J. Heath made a motion that was seconded by A. Cusson to accept and sign the Town Meeting Warning. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Roundabout: The state will be working in the Towns right-of-way for an eighty foot stretch on Church Street. They are looking for an approval from the Selectboard to work in the right-of-way.

A. Cusson made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to give the State of Vermont and the state contractor permission to work in the right-of-way as described in the letter dated January 19, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

5) Toxic Waste Report: S. Griswold presented a copy of the Toxic Waste Report listing all toxic waste sites in the state. Hyde Park is on the list for the highway garage and is shown as a low priority. There had been an issue of toxic soil in the past but that it had been resolved. S. Courville was asked to research why the highway garage is on the list.

6) New Truck Discussion: A. Cusson handed out complete quotes for a truck and plow. There was general discussion regarding trucks, plows and motors. A. Cusson noted that prices

quoted are municipal prices and was not dependent on a trade in. A. Cusson to look into any possible advantage of an extended warranty. Sales Reps for Freightliner, International and Mack will be asked to the February Selectboard meeting. S. Griswold asked each board member to review all quotes and make a list of questions for the sales reps. S. Griswold and K. Moulton will work on the timing of the purchase so the line of credit will not need to be accessed.

7) Other Business:

- K. Moulton showed the artwork submitted by students at Hyde Park Elementary School for the logo design contest.
- A. Cusson noted that Steve Simpson from The Gorman Group will be looking at Center Road next Monday or Tuesday. The chip seal is peeling up right down to the old line striping.
- The State of VT will be at Town Meeting to do a presentation on the roundabout.

Motion to adjourn at 8:42pm.