

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2012
SPECIAL MEETING**

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Members Present: James Heath (JH), Chairman; Brian Jones (BJ); Roger Audet (RA) and Mike Dubie (MD)
Members Absent: David Gagnier (DG), Vice-Chair
Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Kim Moulton, Town Clerk

RH called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

1. Welcome and public comment

No public comment.

2. Petition to support Hyde Park Elementary Mentoring Program

Kim Moulton provided the Selectboard with a valid petition to add an article to the Annual Town Meeting warning seeking \$5,000 to support the Hyde Park Elementary School Mentoring Program at the Hyde Park Elementary School. The Board felt since the petition was for the school and located at the school that the request should be on the school warning. Motion by BJ to not place the article on the Town warning but to refer it to the HPES School Board. Seconded by MD. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

3. Review of Minutes from December 8, 2011, December 22, 2011 and January 27, 2012. Motion by BJ to approve the 12/08/11, 12/22/11 and 01/27/12 minutes with the following corrections: Dec 8th add to under item 7(d) that MD abstained from voting on employee gift certificates and Jan 27th MD was not present to vote on adjournment. Seconded by RA. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

4. 2011 Selectboard Report

The Board reviewed the annual report which will be printed in the town report. Motion by MD to approve the report with the correction to Roger Audet's name. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

5. Ed Webster Appointment as Fire Chief

Rodjenski reviewed the process of appointing a fire chief as something that is usually recommended by the fire officers or fire department members and then the Selectboard makes the final appointment since the department is a municipal department under the direction and control of the Selectboard. Ed was elected by the fire fighters in 1985 but the Selectboard never voted to appoint him. Motion by RA to appoint Ed Webster as fire chief retroactive to 1985. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

6. High Risk Rural Roads Grant

Motion by RA to authorize MD to sign the necessary paperwork for the HRRR grant to install new signage and other safety devices on Cricket Hill Road in 2012. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

7. FY2013 Municipal Budget

The Board reviewed the proposed budget. Motion by RA to approve the FY13 budget in the amount of \$2,010,100. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

8. 2012 Town Meeting Warning

Kim Moulton presented the draft warning for town meeting. Motion by RA to approve the warning for the 2012 Town Meeting. Seconded by MD. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

9. Other Business

Town Garage Lighting – MD reported that he asked electrical contractors to bid on the installation of the lights using existing wiring, as directed by the Selectboard, and only two responded. One dropped out at the last minute and the remaining bidder, Wayne's electric, said that the town would save some money on wiring but it increases the labor side and they would only be interested in doing the work from the prior bid they submitted for \$7,900 to use new wiring. Rodjenski offered that there is money in the town budget to make up the \$4,900 needed to complete the work with the \$3,000 grant still available until April 30, 2012. Motion by RA to award the bid to Wayne's Electric for \$7,900. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.

Mike Dubie left at this point to go plowing.

School Warning – The Board reviewed the HPES Annual Meeting Warning.

Town Warning – JH reminded the Board that since only \$600 was donated to the Front Porch Forum start-up costs, that the Board had agreed to add an article to ask voters for the balance remaining from the \$2,500 start-up cost. Motion by RA to amend the warning to include an article for \$1,900 to support the start-up costs of Front Porch Forum. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Kim will revise and ask MD to sign the amended warning.

10. Adjourn

Motion by RA to adjourn at 9:12 a.m. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 3 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.