

**HYDE PARK SELECTBOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 9, 2012**

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**Members Present:** James Heath (JH), Chairman; David Gagnier (DG), Vice-Chair; Brian Jones (BJ); Roger Audet (RA) and Mike Dubie (MD)  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Others Present:** Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator; Charlie Aronovici, Village Trustee; Riki French, Village Trustee; Jack anderson, Village Trustee; Charles Safford, Stowe Town Manager; Village Trustee Tim Yarrow (appeared at 7:30 p.m.); Green Mountain Access Ch. 15 videotaped this meeting

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JH called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **Welcome and Public Comment.** No public comment.
2. **Review Minutes** – January 27, 2012 and Feb. 1, 2012 deferred to next meeting.
3. **Tax Stabilization Agreements** – Trustee Charlie Aronovici requested that the Selectboard consider tax stabilization agreements and invited Charles Safford to give some history on what the Town and Village of Essex has in place. The Selectboard reviewed the state statutes that provide towns with economic development tools with voter approval for the use of those tools being granted with full or limited control of the Selectboard. Full control gives most negotiating power whereas limited control would require voter approval of contracts. For example, a percentage of real property assessment could be waived for up to 10 years for village and town taxes, but not school tax portion. In Essex, they felt they needed to show investors they were serious about redevelopment and the tax stabilization agreements was one way to say thank you for investing in the community. Next Steps: Policy Discussions and Annual Meeting Vote in 2013. (Trustees French, Aronovici and Anderson left at this point.)
4. **Highway Department Issues and Updates**
  - a. Town Road Standards – Continuing to work on costs of new standards.
  - b. Better Back Roads 2012 Grant – \$4,000 request for funding is pending.
  - c. New Lighting in Garage – Wayne’s Electric expected by the end of February.
  - d. Sweeper Attachment – Tractor is at Harvest Equipment to install attachment.
  - e. Garfield Road Crossing at Green River – Long-term Project to replace undersized culvert with a need to seek assistance from MW&L and the State on board for financial support since this is the main access to their facilities.
  - f. Sign ANNUAL highway mileage certification – Motion by BJ to sign the annual highway mileage certification, adding a legal trail mileage of 1.96 miles and removing the Class 4 portion of TH#60 of 0.50 miles (Fitch Hill). Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed.
5. **General Fund Balance Policy/Internal Controls Discussion** – Review GASB Flyer on fund balance designations and the VLCT Memo, dated January 17, 2012, on Internal Controls. Year-end projections will be prepared by Rodjenski and Kim Moulton, working with town departments, starting in mid-February. New financial policies will also continue to be worked on over time.

6. **Appointment to new LCSD Police Advisory Board** – Motion by BJ to appoint Roger Audet to the Police Board. Seconded by DG. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. JH noted that the name may conflict with another county police board and a new name may be needed.
7. **Building Use Request** – An application for use of town office lower level – yoga classes for 8 weeks. The Board had questions on times of use and tabled the request. The Board asked Rodjenski to redraft the existing policy to include insurance certificates and different types of uses which may require fees or waivers of the insurance certificate. JH noted that the library has similar space if the applicant is interested in that location.
8. **Town Administrator Report**
  - i. Reviewed Town Meeting Warning and who is going to speak to what topics.
  - ii. Reviewed Highway Overtime Report and Comp Time Use.
  - iii. Received January 2012 LCSD Police Incident Report.
  - iv. FAST Squad Policies and Procedures Discussion; Drafts will be requested to be submitted at the Selectboard's March 2012 meeting.
  - v. Discuss Personnel Policies; meeting with staff to develop issues and options for SB to consider over the next few meetings.
  - vi. Reviewed 'Town Project List' - Rodjenski to check on "Signs; #18" which may need a new deadline or reduced number of signs needing upgrade.
  - vii. Reviewed 'Grants Watch' report
  - viii. Reconfirmed Dog Warrant Issued on 02/04/2012 for unlicensed dog on Leriche Rd since the dog has remained unlicensed since last weekend. Motion by BJ to reaffirm the 02/04/2012 issuance of a Selectboard warrant to impound the dog owned by Ron Lipsey for failure to license and to turn the matter over to LCSD. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. JH advised that it was time to update procedures and protocols regarding animal control, possibly increasing the fines and possibly adding a dedicated animal control officer to serve one or more local towns.
  - ix. Myette Zoning Enforcement (Pond) – Mediation has been rescheduled to 03/02/2012 with Brian Jones and Rodjenski attending for the town.
9. **PACE District Town Vote** - Peter Adamczyk from E-Vermont (7:30 p.m.) - The Board met with Village Trustee Tim Yarrow (appeared at 7:30 p.m.) and Peter Adamczyk (via video conference) on the PACE District vote coming up at town meeting. Information is available on the PACE website: <http://pacevermont.wikispaces.com/>
10. **Monthly Financial Report** – The monthly financial reports were reviewed with some concern on highway spending in salt and supplies.
11. **Review Town Orders** - Motion by MD to approve the town orders. Seconded by RA. Voting: 5 in favor, 0 against, motion passed. Motion by RA to approve the payroll warrants. Seconded by BJ. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstain (Mike Dubie), motion passed. The Board wanted to confirm the County Oil Delivery charge for \$1,864.50 and where it was delivered.
12. **Other Business** – DG advised that he found an agency that provided labor for \$20 per day and that they could paint the town garage and the Board approved that project moving forward. MD noted that the garage might need 50 to 60 gallons of paint. DG agreed to inquiry about the possibility of mowing to properties.
13. **Adjourn** – Motion by BJ to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by RA. So voted.