

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

February 10, 2011

Selectboard Members present: Scott Griswold, David Gagnier, James "Rick" Heath

Selectboard Members Absent: Allen Cusson and Russell Lanphear

Others present: Kim Moulton, Shannon Courville, John "Jack" Anderson (Village Trustee), GMATV, Amanda Holland (LCPC), Emily McManany (Burlington Free Press)

S. Griswold called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

1) Village of Hyde Park Trustees – Summer construction in the Village:

J. Anderson, Co-Chair of the Village Trustees, gave a summary of the sidewalk project that will start at the top of Depot Street and connect to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail. Dates of June 8-June 15 were proposed, but there is flexibility depending upon the construction of the Roundabout. The project will connect sidewalks, include construction of 2-3 catch basins, and provide a safer crossing at the top of Depot Street. S. Griswold mentioned concern with additional traffic in the Village and suggested that the start date be moved to after school is out. The Selectboard was asked if the Town could assist with gravel and a dump truck. The Selectboard responded by inquiring how much gravel and how much time was needed.

Agenda item 3 & 4b moved up to allow for comment from Amanda Holland.

Sterling View Road – A. Holland explained the process the Selectboard would need to follow to ask the State of Vermont for a speed reduction on that stretch of road as requested by concerned residents. A letter would need to be sent to the State of Vermont by the Selectboard requesting a change of speed in the specified area.

High Risk Rural Road Program - The State is going to fix the intersection of TH #7 Garfield Road and Green River Reservoir Dam Road. Included in the changes are cutting back the intersection radii, extending the existing guardrail around the inside of the curve, cutting back vegetation to improve sight distance, upgrading signage and reducing the speed limit to 35 mph. The speed limit reduction request will be discussed at a later date when all of the Selectboard members are present.

J. Anderson and A. Holland left the meeting at 6:35pm

2) Listers – Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending: D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by J. Heath to sign the Listers Certificate of No Appeal. Motion passed.

3) Sterling View Road – Letter from resident: A letter from Lorraine Faughnan and Vincent Hanifin was presented. A letter from Representative Linda Martin was also presented. There was a brief discussion on the speed limit changes being requested. It was noted that Linda Martin is waiting to hear back from AOT regarding possible signage that could be placed in the specified area. No action taken. We will wait to hear from Linda Martin regarding answers from AOT.

4) Highway Department:

a) Main Street incident with Town truck: R. Heath made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to pay the invoice to Extreme Collision for Sandy Stewart for \$164.27 for damages to her car. Motion passed.

b) High Risk Rural Road Program: All costs to be paid 100% by a federal grant. J. Heath made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to sign the agreement information sheet, maintenance agreement project agreement form and the right of way clearance form. Motion passed.

c) Annual Letter to Towns regarding grants: No action taken. This will be addressed after Town Meeting.

d) New truck: Another quote was obtained with different specifications based on a conversation with the Highway Department.

e) Heath Road: A property owner called to ask why so much sand was being dropped on the road and why the road is being plowed twice within approx 90 minutes. It was explained that the first truck that comes through and plows in the morning is using the road as a place to turn around. That truck is carrying salt which isn't dropped on dirt roads. The second truck that comes through is carrying the sand and drops it on his way off the road.

5) Insurances - In an effort to help contain costs, the Town will seek quotes on health insurance policies and property and casualty policies. The quotes should be similar to the ones that are currently offered, so that there is no reduction in benefits.

Emily McManany arrived at 6:55pm

6) Delinquent Tax Collector: S. Griswold clarified that we aren't looking to "contract" out the delinquent tax collection but to potentially bring the delinquent tax collecting in house to the Treasurer. We had been previously advised that this process required a charter change and is a two year process. The charter for the Town of Hyde Park does not specify the collection of delinquent taxes so why would a charter change be required? Additionally, a bill has been introduced that would allow towns to change their charter without go to the legislature. S. Courville was asked to talk to David Polow, the Town Attorney, regarding the questions we have.

Emily McManany left at 7:05pm

7) Logo Contest: Deadline to participate on the judging panel was December 15, 2010. There were two people interested. The deadline for artwork is February 15, 2011. The judging committee will pick the best three pieces of artwork as finalists. The voters will pick a winner of the contest from these three finalists. All artwork will be displayed at Town Meeting. All participants will receive a certificate for their entries. J. Heath made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to appoint Dawn Slayton, Caleb Magoon and Michael Patch for the judging committee to pick the 3 finalists for the contest. Motion passed.

- 8) **Minutes of January 6 and January 20:** J. Heath made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to approve the minutes of January 6 and January 20. There was discussion regarding changes to minutes of January 6. There were no changes for January 20. S. Griswold noted that S. Courville had contacted the State of Vermont regarding the highway site being listed on their Toxic Site report. The highway site will be removed from the report as the site had been previously dealt with. Motion passed with changes to the minutes of January 6.
- 9) **Financials:** Overtime report reviewed. No action taken.
- 10) **Selectboard Orders:** J. Heath made a motion seconded by D. Gagnier to approve the Selectboard Orders. D. Gagnier is abstaining from signing/approving Sanel Auto Parts invoices. A. Cusson will review and sign off on the Sanel Auto Parts invoices. Motion passed with D. Gagnier abstaining from Sanel Auto Parts invoices.
- 11) **Other Business:** The roof of the Town Clerk's office will be shoveled off on Friday, February 11th by Kenny Farrar of UNameIt Services. He is fully insured.
- 12) **Employee Discussion – Possible executive session:** J. Heath made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to enter Executive Session at 7:35pm, inviting Kim Moulton to remain, to discuss an employee issue. Left Executive Session by consensus at 9:25pm. D. Gagnier made a motion seconded by J. Heath to extend the probationary period of Shannon Courville until April 1, 2011. Motion passed.

J. Heath wants to go on record stating that he strongly feels Allen Cusson should immediately give his resignation as Selectboard member of the Town of Hyde Park.

Motion to adjourn at 9:28pm