

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD MEETING**

March 10, 2011

Selectboard (SB) Members present: David Gagnier, James "Rick" Heath, and Brian Jones

Selectboard Members absent: Scott Griswold

Others present: Kim Moulton, Shannon Courville, Dawn Slayton, and Monita Neill. See attached sign-in sheet for others present.

J. Heath called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

- 1) **Selectboard Resignation:** J. Heath announced the resignation of Selectboard member Allen Cusson effective March 7, 2011. D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to accept the resignation of Allen Cusson. Motion passed

J. Heath announced the resignation of Selectboard Chairman Scott Griswold effective immediately March 10, 2011. B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to accept the resignation of Scott Griswold. Motion passed.

Jack Anderson requested these Selectboard seats be filled via a special election rather than being appointed by the Selectboard.

- 2) **Selectboard Reorganization:** B. Jones made a motion to nominate James Heath for Chairman with a second by D. Gagnier. Tim Yarrow made a motion to nominate Brian Jones for Chairman and Brian Jones declined. Motion to nominate J. Heath for Chairman passed.

B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by Malcolm Teale to nominate D. Gagnier for Vice-Chairman. Motion passed.

- 3) **Selectboard Appointments:**

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by J. Heath to appoint Mary Elfer as Health Officer. Motion passed

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by J. Heath that Selectboard members be designated as Deputy Heath Officers. Motion Passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to accept Shannon Courville as Town Service Officer. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones that the Selectboard fill the positions of Fence Viewers, Weighers of Coal, and Inspectors of Lumber. Motion passed.

B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to appoint Andrew Plante as First Constable. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Chris Jones as Second Constable. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint William Murphy as Animal Control Officer. Motion passed

B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to appoint Brian Murphy as Assistant Animal Control Officer. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Aime Nadeau as Tree Warden. Motion passed.

B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to appoint Ed Webster Sr. as Fire Warden. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Eric Aither as Assistant Fire Warden. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Ken Alexander as Road Commissioner. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Sally Foss Ammons as Trustee of Public Funds for a three year term to expire 2014. Motion passed.

B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to appoint Gary Anderson as E-9-1-1 Coordinator. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Amy Holibaugh as Green up Coordinator. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Richard Bailey as the LCPC Representative. Motion Passed.

B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to appoint Carl Szlachetka as a GMATV Representative. Motion passed.

B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to appoint James Heath as the Sheriff's Advisory Board representative. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Malcolm Teal to the Development Review Board for a four year term to expire 2015. Motion passed.

B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to appoint Gary Houston to the Development Review Board for a term of two years to complete a four year term expiring 2013. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Mark Isselhardt to the Planning Commission for a four year term to expire 2015. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Trevor Kneeland to the Recreation Field Committee for a two year term to expire 2013. Motion passed.

B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to appoint Nate Brigham to the Recreation Field Committee for a three year term to expire 2014. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Chasity Fagnant to the Recreation Field Committee for a one year term to complete a 4 year term to expire 2012. Motion passed.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to appoint Judy Clark to the Community Circle Committee for a three year term to expire 2014. Motion passed.

We will look into the NEMS Oversight Committee position to see if it needs to be a Selectboard member or not.

The following positions will be advertised as vacant: Emergency Management Coordinator and a second GMATV Representative position.

- 4) **Tim Yarrow:** Tim remarked that the resignations of Allen Cusson and Scott Griswold were welcome. There was general discussion regarding the recent allegations against certain Selectboard members.
- 5) **Selectboard Annual Goals:** Recessed until next meeting.

- 6) **VT 15 Speed Limit (In area of Sterling View Road):** There was general discussion of the issue of speed on VT 15 in the area of Sterling View Road. The Town has received a letter from Linda Martin stating that the Selectboard needs to request that a traffic study be done for the area. In the meantime, snow banks will be cut down to improve visibility.
- 7) **Highway Overtime Report:** R. Heath remarked that the Highway Department had been doing a good job considering the amount of snow that we have had. B. Jones commented that the Highway Department had done a good job clearing the roads.
- 8) **Building Renovations:** Recessed until next meeting.
- 9) **Liquor License Renewals:**

VFW: D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to approve the Liquor License renewal for the VFW. Motion passed.

Sweet Crunch Bakery: B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to approve the Liquor License renewal for the Sweet Crunch Bakery. Motion passed.
- 10) **Office Closing Policy:** R. Heath remarked that the safety of the employees should be the primary concern, and suggested that office closing should be linked to Governor's Declaration of a State of Emergency. A policy will be looked into when the Personnel Policies are reviewed and updated.
- 11) **Results of Logo Contest:** As voted on by the voters of Hyde Park at our recent Town Meeting, the first place winner of the Logo Contest is Lance Caron from the Green Mountain Technical Center. Second place was awarded to Cassandra Mason from the Green Mountain Technical Center and third place was awarded to Isabel Clancy from the Hyde Park Elementary School. A comment was made that the winning artwork is very similar to that of an artist by the name of Woody Jackson. Before we chose to use the winning artwork, research will need to be performed to ensure that there is no copyright infringement on a Woody Jackson artwork. Brian Jones will look into this and report back at the next Selectboard meeting.
- 12) **Harassment Training:** Jack Anderson would like to include work environment and not just sexual harassment in any potential training. Jack also noted that the Town may want to work with the Village and have a joint training session. Tim Yarrow is the point person for training for the Village. Tim remarked that this was a laudable first step. Tim will be in contact with K. Moulton.
- 13) **Building Use Policy:** There is a request by Wanda Cochran to use the lower level of the municipal building for a Mary Kay event. There was general discussion as to what should be allowed and not allowed. Based on the current Building Use Policy, this request does not comply with allowed use. D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to deny the request of Wanda Cochran. Motion passed.
- 14) **Minutes of February 10 and February 28:** D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to approve the minutes of February 10 and February 28. Motion passed.
- 14) **Financials:** Financials were reviewed. B. Jones asked why there was a "Sales of Gas/Diesel" in the highway budget. K. Moulton indicated that the Town sells gas/diesel to the Village of Hyde Park and this is where that revenue shows in the budget.

15) Selectboard Orders: D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to approve the Selectboard orders. Motion passed.

16) Other business:

Dawn Slayton was presented a plaque for 25 years of service to the Town of Hyde Park. J. Heath thanked her for all she has done for the Town. The Selectboard had previously sent Dawn a bouquet of flowers.

Kathy Geiersbach asked what is happening with Center Road. It was recently resurfaced and still has issues. It was noted that Gorman Brothers will be coming in the spring to look at the road and we will move forward from there.

Carl Szlachetka wanted his Town Meeting questions answered (see attached sheet). J. Heath noted that the expense to the Town was a \$500 deductible that was paid to VLCT as noted in the minutes of November 4, 2010. He noted that insurance premiums will probably increase but there is no way for us to know how much. J. Heath noted that we are looking into a new insurance company for not only our property, casualty and liability but also for our health coverage. We may be able to reduce increases by combining our coverage's with a new insurance company. J. Heath also noted that we made calls after Town Meeting to VLCT to see what they could do to help the Town facilitate harassment training.

Deanna Judkins spoke on behalf of Scott Griswold. She feels the residents of Hyde Park have pushed Scott Griswold off the board. She noted his resignation has been a huge mistake and that the Town has lost a valuable public servant.

Walter Anderson feels the allegation issues have been resolved with the resignation of Scott Griswold.

Jack Anderson feels it is time to move forward and that the current board has the support of the town's people.

S. Courville noted that the Town had been awarded a grant of up to \$25,000 to purchase a street sweeper.

The Selectboard has voted by consensus to hold a Special Election on May 3, 2011 to fill the vacant Selectboard seats.

Motion to adjourn at 8:28pm.