

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD MEETING
March 24, 2011**

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

Others present: Kim Moulton, Shannon Courville, GMATV, Andrew Martin, Harold Bailey, Beth Bailey and Walter Anderson

J. Heath called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

- 1) **Public Input:** Walter Anderson provided general history for the Garfield Bridge. Walter is not happy that the photo he donated to the Town has not been hung yet. It was explained that we were waiting for plowing season to slow down before asking the highway crew with assistance to hang the photo. Due to the precarious position of where the photo will hang, a ladder is required and there isn't one in the office. David Gagnier offered to bring in a ladder and hang the photo. Walter also mentioned that there should be a sign advertising the sale of the history books.
- 2) **Clarification of items from the March 10, 2011 Selectboard meeting:**
 - Nomination/Appointment of David Gagnier as Vice Chair of the Selectboard: The nomination of David Gagnier to the Vice Chair position on the Selectboard was invalid because the second came from the floor and not from members of the Selectboard. B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by J. Heath to nominate David Gagnier as Vice Chair of the Selectboard. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Nomination of Gary Houston to the DRB: To clarify the nomination and vote, there was a motion made by D. Gagnier and seconded by B. Jones to nominate Gary Houston to the Development Review Board for a term of two years to complete a four year term expiring 2013. J. Heath noted that Gary is his brother-in-law. The Secretary of State's office confirms this relationship is not a conflict of interest. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Selectboard Orders Clarification: J. Heath noted that D. Gagnier has always abstained from the approval of the Sanel Auto Parts invoices due to a conflict of interest. If D. Gagnier continues to abstain from approving these invoices, our account at Sanel Auto Parts will go past due, discounts we are given will be stopped, and possible late fees added to the account until there is a full board to approve these invoices. To avoid the loss of discounts and potential late fees on our Sanel Auto Parts account, D. Gagnier will approve these invoices only until such time as there is a full board and he can again abstain. With the Special Election on May 3, 2011, there should be a full board at the May 12, 2011 meeting.
- 3) **Special Election Warning:** The Special Election Warning for May 3, 2011 was read. There was a motion by D. Gagnier that was seconded by B. Jones to sign the Special Election Warning for May 3, 2011. Motion unanimously passed.
- 4) **Speed Zone on VT 15:** Linda Martin recommends a letter from the Selectboard to the State of VT asking for a speed study on VT 15 in the area of Sterling View Road. It was unanimously approved by consensus for a letter to be written.

5) Highway Department:

- Truck Purchase: There was general discussion regarding the purchase of a new highway truck. B. Jones will work on getting quotes so that comparisons can be made. It was noted that the representatives from the truck companies should be at the April meeting as well as the Highway crew. S. Courville will arrange to have the sales representatives and the Highway crew attend the April 14, 2011 meeting.
- Line Striping in the Village: We have been contacted by Frank's Line Striping to find out if we will be doing the line striping as we normally do in the Village. There were questions and concerns over trying to line stripe at the same time the round-a-bout project and the Village sidewalk project are in progress. Consensus to put off line striping this year.
- Overtime Report: The board wants to make sure they are updated weekly on the Overtime Report as Ken Alexander is getting close to 200 hours.

6) Town Logo update: B. Jones had an email reply from Michelle Bailey at the Vermont Arts Council. She was unable to assist us and provided additional avenues to have our questions answered regarding the use of the winning logo from the contest. Rather than incur possible legal expense trying to decide if we could use the logo or not, it was decided that B. Jones would contact the artist, Woody Jackson, directly as get his opinion on whether our logo could be used or not.

7) 2011 PACIF Equipment Grant Program: S. Courville presented the Selectboard with a proposal to purchase a sign safety package for the Highway Department, and apply for a PACIF Equipment Grant to recover 50% of the cost. Ken Alexander told S. Courville that they have one sign package but could use another. This is a matter of safety when work is being done by the Highway crew. There are a couple of places in the budget we could use to pay our portion. B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by D. Gagnier to approve the application for the grant and the purchase of the sign package. Motion unanimously passed. S. Courville will coordinate with the Highway Department to get the signs ordered.

8) Other Business:

- Letter from last summer/fall from the McFarlane's and the Lowe's requesting a reduction in the speed limit from 50-35 mph. There was a general discussion regarding speed and the effect on the different town roads. The State of Vermont is recommending Towns lowering speeds to 35mph on secondary roads. D. Gagnier proposed that the Selectboard consider reducing the speed limit on all of the dirt roads in the Town to 35 mph.
- D. Gagnier noted that signs need to be replaced as required by the State of Vermont. S. Courville has an email from Amy Gamble at the State of Vermont that explains the replacement requirements and deadlines. Ken Alexander has a list of all signs that need to be replaced and has given that list to D. Gagnier. D. Gagnier will prepare a spreadsheet based on inventory and immediate need. J. Heath states that we shouldn't expend the entire budget on the new signs because we constantly have to replace road signs that have been stolen or damaged.
- J. Heath reminded the Selectboard members of the TOEC Training at Johnson State College.
- J. Heath stated that he was contacted by Arland Ploof. Arland is upset about how the Highway has winged back the snow banks at his place. Arland showed photos to J. Heath. Beth Bailey states the same thing happens at her

house. They have winged right down to the grass and it rolled up people's yards. D. Gagnier will speak to Ken Alexander.

- D. Gagnier is working on the grant for the roads as he now has the "orange book". Gorman has not yet been up to Center Road to see the chip seal work they did that failed.
- The Fire Dept. ran out of heating fuel oil and called County Oil to have it filled. Who keeps track of their fuel consumption? How big is the tank?
- B. Jones will keep track of diesel fuel.
- D. Gagnier will look at road salt contracts. We are currently over budget due to the amount of storms this winter.

- 9) **Employee Review – Possible Executive Session:** D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to enter Executive Session at 7:05pm for an employee review. Kim Moulton was invited to remain. Motion passed unanimously.

The Selectboard left Executive Session by consensus at 7:36pm.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to extend the probationary period for Shannon Courville by 30 days with probationary period expiring on May 1, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm. Motion passed unanimously.