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TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD MEETING
APRIL 9, 2009

Selectboard Members Present: A. Cusson, D. Nash, R. Lanphear, S. Griswold, J. Heath,
Administrative Members Present: D. Slayton, J. Compagna.
Others present: see list attached

1. S. Griswold called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Hyde Park Recreation Fields: S. Griswold asked that softball members please sign in (list attached). The softball players voiced their concerns regarding the recreational fields and the increase in field fees. After a lengthy discussion, Scott asked that the men's and women's league put together a proposal and present it to the Selectboard.
3. Joint Response Information: Fire Chiefs Eric Aither and Ed Webster informed the Selectboard that both Fire Departments had entered into a joint response agreement. This agreement calls for both departments to be dispatched simultaneously 24 hours a day to all structure fires, chimney fires, wild land fires, residential, schools and commercial fire alarms. As there are several firefighters now working out of town or unable to leave their job, this will provide sufficient manpower and equipment in the event of a fire. The Selectboard agreed to try this for a year to see how it works out.
4. March 12th Minutes: Unanimously approved.
5. Unifirst Uniform Contract: The Selectboard reviewed the three year proposal for uniforms and felt that it needed clarification. Julia Compagna will contact them.
6. Paving Contract: The Selectboard reviewed three proposals. Scott asked Julia to contact Gorman Brothers to come back with a revised proposal, due to cutbacks in paving.
7. Appointments to DRB and Planning Commission: Brickett Bailey has resigned from the DRB. His resignation was accepted on a motion by D. Nash and a second by A. Cusson. Mary Walz is interested in serving on this Board. A motion was made by D. Nash and seconded by R. Lanphear to appoint Mary Walz to the DRB. Unanimously approved.

Gerry Smith has asked to step down from the Planning Commission. On a motion by A. Cusson and a second by S. Griswold, Kevin Fitzgerald was appointed to finish out Gerry's term on the Planning Commission. Dan Young and Duff Robitille were also reappointed. Unanimously approved.

Other Appointments: Eric Aither was appointed Deputy Fire Warden on a motion by R. Heath and a second by D. Nash. Unanimously approved.

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Selectboard Liaison Officers: Allen Cusson - Sheriff's Department, Russ Lanphear - Highway Department, Rick Heath - North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department and Duncan Nash - Hyde Park Fire Department. This will be on an annual basis. On a motion by A. Cusson and a second by R. Lanphear, Scott Griswold was appointed to serve as the liaison officer to the Recreation Committee.

8. Vermont Rapid Response Plan: On a motion by A. Cusson and a second by D. Nash, authorization was given to S. Griswold to sign the Vermont Rapid Response Plan.

9. Bid Process for Purchases: D. Nash felt that the Town should have a written policy for capital purchases, i.e., advertising, receiving quotes, bid process, etc. He offered to work on this and bring it back to the next Selectboard meeting.

10. Shared Expenses for L.C. Municipalities: The Town of Morristown wanted to know if some one from the Selectboard would attend a meeting at the Green Mountain Tech. Center on 4/23/09 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss sharing expenses on purchases. Scott and Duncan will put together a list and attend this meeting.

11. Selectboard Orders: The orders were approved unanimously. Duncan will talk to Ed Webster regarding the late fee charge on the credit card invoice.

Russ will work with Kenny Alexander to fix up the '96 international tandem to include the plow and wing to take to the State auction on May 8th. Julia will find out the fee for this.

12. March Financial Statements: The financial statements were reviewed by the Selectboard. They have requested that Gary separate the expense line (money raised by taxes and money raised by grants) into two categories.

D. Nash had questions regarding the Fire Department and will direct his questions to Ed Webster.

13. Asbestos Mine Study: Everything seems to have been taken care of regarding the mines. Scott asked Julia to send a "thank you" note to Neil Johnston and Mary Walz for serving on the committee.

14. Town Administrator's Report: Reviewed by Selectboard members.

15. Surplus Property Agreement: On a motion by D. Nash and a second by A. Cusson approval was given to have S. Griswold sign the agreement on behalf of the Selectboard. Unanimously approved.

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16. Other Business: D. Nash would like to get a petition started regarding changing the laws on abatement of taxes. (Andrew Parker story). The Selectboard asked Julia to check with Deb Markowitz on the laws for abating taxes.

17. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on a motion by A. Cusson and a second by J. Heath.

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn M. Slayton
Ass't. Town Clerk.