

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD (SB) MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2011**

Selectboard members present: J. "Rick" Heath (Chairman), D. Gagnier, B. Jones, M. Dubie and R. Audet.

Others present: S. Courville, Municipal Services Coordinator, K. Moulton, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. See sign in sheet.

J. "Rick" Heath called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and introduced the new Selectboard members Mike Dubie and Roger Audet.

1. **Brook Road Culvert**-Jim Noyes-6:00 p.m. J. Noyes expressed concern about the culvert below his house because that culvert had raised the water level on one side of the road resulting in flooding on his property. D. Gagnier said that he had talked to the Road Foreman, Ken Alexander, about the issue and the intent is to build up the sides of the Brook so that the water stays in the channel. J. Heath said that the EPA was involved and we would have to have the new culvert engineered. M. Dubie said that they stayed out of the water and that caused the new culvert to be higher. J. Heath said that the SB would inspect the property on Monday May 16, 2011.
2. **Poulos Insurance Inc.**-6:10 p.m. The high deductible plan was not recommended, but the step plan was recommended. An HMO with Blue Cross/Blue Shield is available. Newport has an HSA, but it took them 3 years to get there.
3. **Benefit Group of New England, LLC**-6:30 p.m. If the Town would like to change to a high deductible plan, then education is the key. The same plan is being used by Winooski, Colchester, Hartford, Woodstock and Enosburg.
4. **Lamoille Valley Insurance**-6:50 p.m. Glen provided a proposal, compared it with the current plan, and gave estimates on rates. He indicated that he would have firm figures on rates next week.
5. **Road Flooding on Diggins Road**-Kevin Irish-7:10 p.m. Lisa Irish said that the culverts were not working, and the family does not have access to fire, ambulance or police. The property is on a Class 4 road. The SB advised that it normally does not have any responsibility for a Class 4 road but it would do what it could to help.
6. **Glebe Lease Rights Request**-Jim Mahoney-7:20 p.m. Morrisville Water and Light transferred the so called "Zack Woods" 28 acre parcel to the Trust For Public Land. A title search of the property uncovered a glebe lease to the Town of Hyde Park for \$1 per year. B. Jones made a **motion** to have S. Courville post a Notice regarding the Release of Rights. D. Gagnier seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.
7. **Public Comment.** Issue of the resurfacing of Center Road was discussed. D. Gagnier stated that he had talked to Gorman Brothers and they will give the Town a \$5,000 credit if they do another project. The State will paint that center line.
8. **Ratify April 28, 2011 Vote to Recommend Approval of The Telecommunication Tower at 125 Garfield Crossroad.** J. Heath noted that in the prior Selectboard Meeting, the SB had taken a 15 minute recess to discuss the information, pros and cons, and information

presented to them regarding the tower. D. Gagnier made a **motion** to ratify the April 28, 2011 Vote to Recommend Approval of The Telecommunication Tower at 125 Garfield Crossroad. B. Jones seconded the motion. **Motion passed** with D. Gagnier, B. Jones and J. Heath in favor, and M. Dubie and R. Audet abstaining.

9. Highway Issues:

-FEMA Grant for flood damage. The SB directed S. Courville to follow up with Jim Cota regarding a Grant for a bank collapse on Garfield road.

-Line Striping in the Village of Hyde Park. J. Heath commented that due to construction in the Village, and budget limitations, the line striping would not be done right away.

-Request to Close Church Street During Construction of Roundabout. J. Lafontaine from Tatro Construction presented a plan to the SB to close Church Street during construction of the Roundabout. J. Heath asked about accessibility for emergency services, and J. Lafontaine indicated that the Type 3 barriers were movable. The SB requested that the road closure be noticed in the newspaper. D. Gagnier made a motion to close Church Street off until it's safe to reopen it. R. Audet seconded the motion. **Motion passed** with all in favor.

-Annual Road Review. J. Heath noted that in past years, 3 or 4 SB members would talk to Ken Alexander and travel around the Town to see what roads needed to be paved. R. Audet will go with Ken for the assessment.

-All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) on Back Roads. D. Gagnier remarked that he is a member of VAST and M. Dubie commented that he is a rider of an ATV. It was noted that Eden and Lowell permit all-terrain vehicles on back roads. D. Gagnier stated that one advantage of permitting ATVs on back roads is that there is no control of ATVs without such permission. It was stated that VAST would furnish signs. R. Audet made a **motion** to open up dirt roads in the Town to insured, licensed and registered VASA members, provided that ATV operators abide by all of the rules and regulations of the Town of Hyde Park. B. Jones seconded the motion. **Motion passed** with J. Heath, B. Jones and R. Audet in favor and M. Dubie and D. Gagnier abstaining.

-Truck Purchase (Body purchase). The SB discussed replacing a Town truck with an International truck that does not use the UREA system. It was noted that the Town already has an International truck, and Randy Clark's service is great. B. Jones made a **motion** to purchase an International Truck from Clark's Truck Center for \$88,630 + \$5,000 for an extended warranty. R. Audet seconded the motion. **Motion passed** with all in favor. B. Jones made a motion to purchase a body plow, frame and wing from Fairfield for \$61,980. R. Audet seconded the motion. **Motion passed** with all in favor.

-Sweeper Purchase (Stormwater grant). The SB asked about the required match for the Grant. S. Courville said that he believed that the match was 20% but he would confirm that with Jane Brown. The SB was provided with a letter from J. Brown that indicated that the Town was not yet authorized to make expenditures that would be compensated with grant funds, and that it would be necessary to obtain more estimates. The SB asked S. Courville to contact J. Brown to move the project forward.

-Morristown Repayment of Gravel Borrowed From Hyde Park. There was a question whether or not the Town could take money for gravel that it had provided to Morristown. The ACT 250 permit would need to be examined and Jim Cota would need to be consulted.

10. Town Garage Lighting Project.

R. Audet made a **motion** to get bids on the lighting for the

Town Garage and Town Hall and have details included. D. Gagnier seconded the motion. **Motion passed** with all in favor.

11. Dog Warrant. A Dog Warrant for all unlicensed dogs in the Town was discussed. B. Jones made a **motion** to carry out the instructions delineated in the Warrant. M. Dubie seconded the motion. **Motion passed** with all in favor.

11. April 28, 2011 Minutes amendment. J. Heath requested that S. Courville change property owner Mr. Jones to property owners Russel and Neil Jones.

April 14, 2011, March 24, 2011 Minutes. D. Gagnier made a **motion** to approve the April 28, 2011 minutes as amended, the April 14, 2011 Minutes as written, and the March 24, 2011 minutes as written. B. Jones seconded the motion. **Motion passed** with J. Heath, B. Jones and D. Gagnier in favor and M. Dubie and R. Audet abstaining.

12. Financials. The current budget ends on June 30, 2011.

13. Selectboard Orders. D. Gagnier made a **motion** to sign the Selectboard Orders with the condition that he abstained from approving any invoices for Sanel Auto Parts. B. Jones seconded the motion. M. Dubie abstained from payroll for the Highway Department. **Motion passed** with all in favor and abstentions as noted.

14. Other Business. The SB discussed a speed zone study request and Brook Road flooding.

15. Employee Issues – Possible Executive Session

- (a) D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by Brian Jones to enter Executive Session at 10:05pm to discuss personnel issues inviting Shannon Courville and Kim Moulton to remain.

Consensus to leave Executive Session at 10:15pm.

M. Dubie made a motion that was seconded by R. Audet to reimburse Shannon Courville \$1000.00 for the cost of his dental care deductible. Motion passed unanimously.

S. Courville left the meeting at 10:18pm.

- (b) D. Gagnier made a motion that was seconded by B. Jones to enter Executive Session at 10:19pm to discuss personnel issues inviting Kim Moulton to remain.

Mike Dubie left the meeting at 10:20pm. Consensus to leave Executive Session at 10:38pm.

D. Gagnier made a motion to retract Shannon Courville's termination and to extend Shannon's probationary period until July 31, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Jones made a motion that was seconded by R. Audet to reject the \$2.00 per hour increase requested by Kent Young. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 10:45pm