

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD MEETING
JULY 23, 2009**

Present: Scott Griswold, Russell Lanphear, Duncan Nash, Allen Cusson and James Heath (arrived 6:25pm)

Others Present: Kim Moulton, Dawn Slayton, Susan Primo, Philip Etter, Kate Warner

Scott Griswold called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

- 1) Zach Woods Pond – Susan Primo, Philip Etter and Kate Warner

Alan Cusson moved and Duncan Nash seconded a motion to draft a letter in support of the Friends of Zach Woods Pond to obtain a Federal Forest Legacy Grant for the purchase of 3 parcels of land for sale on Garfield Rd owned by Terry & Deanna Judkins and Morrisville Water & Light.

Susan Primo presented a handout regarding state PILOT taxes received by town. See attached. Scott Griswold noted that the current property taxes paid by the 3 parcel owners are \$7,219.13. He also noted that we currently receive \$10.05 per acre for the Green River Reservoir via the PILOT program. There was discussion about the loss of tax revenue to the town. Russell Lanphear suggests the Selectboard should not draft a letter in support of the Friends of Zach Woods Pond effort to acquire this land. Russell feels this should be a decision by the voters of the town. Scott Griswold feels the land should be conserved but the burden should not be on the taxpayers. Duncan Nash agrees with Russell and Scott and is concerned that this decision is being made by the Selectboard only. Duncan suggested this decision should be made by the voters of the town.

Unanimously voted “no” to the motion.

- 2) Interviews for Administrative Assistant position and other personnel issues

Duncan Nash moved and Allen Cusson seconded a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:30pm to interview candidates for the Administrative Assistant position and other personnel issues, inviting Kim Moulton and Dawn Slayton to stay. (Dawn Slayton left Executive Session and departed the meeting at 7:20pm. James Heath left Executive Session and departed the meeting at 8:05pm). It was the consensus of the board to leave Executive Session at 8:18pm.

Allen Cusson moved and Russell Lanphear seconded a motion to offer the Administrative Assistant position to the agreed upon candidate for the agreed upon salary. Voted unanimously in favor.

- 3) Union Bank Municipal Line of Credit

Duncan Nash moved and Allen Cusson seconded a motion to accept and sign the Union Bank \$300,000.00 Municipal Line of Credit Note with a one year term at a rate of 2.05%.

There was discussion by the board that all town accounts should be shopped as a package.

Scott Griswold and Duncan Nash voted “yes” to the motion. Russell Lanphear and Allen Cusson voted “no” to the motion. Motion failed

Duncan Nash moved and Allen Cusson seconded a motion for staff to shop town accounts as a package with Chittenden Bank, TD Bank, Community National Bank, Merchants Bank and Union Bank for best rates with no fees to include a \$300,000.00 Municipal Line of Credit for one year and a municipal checking account. Voted unanimously in favor.

4) Dog Ordinance

Duncan Nash moved to table until the next meeting. There was no second.

Scott Griswold discussed that the wording of the dog ordinance revision for hunting dogs needs to be specific.

The board agreed upon the definition of hunting dog and agreed to proceed with the revision of the dog ordinance.

5) Recreation Field Request

Duncan Nash moved and Allen Cusson seconded a motion to allow Brock Carrier and his softball team, free of tournament charges, to do a one day tournament to raise money for travel to a national softball tournament. Voted unanimously in favor.

6) Other Business

Allen Cusson will meet with Village Trustees at 9:00am on July 24, 2009 regarding best use of town building for town and village offices.

There will be a Public hearing on September 17, 2009 for taking over VFW Drive. The site visit will be at 5:45pm and Public Meeting at 6:00pm. This is the only time that David Polow is available.

Duncan Nash will talk to Ed Webster regarding confidentiality when responding to emergency calls. Allen Cusson will talk to the FAST Squad.

Next Selectboard Meeting is on August 13, 2009.

Duncan Nash moved to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 9:05pm. Voted unanimously in favor.