

**TOWN OF HYDE PARK
SELECTBOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2010**

Selectboard members present: S. Griswold, R. Lanphear, R. Heath, A. Cusson
D. Gagnier.

Others present: T. Carder, S. Munroe, (LCPC), M. Isselhardt, C.& R. Diccico, P.& P.
Couture, D. Slayton, K. Moulton.

S. Griswold called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Dog Issues:

Jason Picard was a “no show.”

Tom Carder came before the Selectboard again to express his concern regarding his neighbor’s dog. The dog continues to bark all hours of the day and night. (see letter attached). Mr. Carder presented 25 written complaints from the Sheriff’s Department. The previous town administrator sent letters and issued judicial tickets to the dog owner. S. Griswold will contact the town attorney for further action on this issue.

Highway Department - Tractors

The Selectboard reviewed the tractor quotes. P. Couture, from Pete’s Equipment Sales and Rentals reviewed his quote with the Selectboard members. R. Lanphear and A. Cusson will be going to Middlebury to look at additional tractors. The Selectboard will review all quotes before making a decision. S. Griswold would like to stay locally as would the rest of the Board members.

Transportation Enhancement Grant:

M. Isselhardt reported that he is working with a group from the Village to construct a sidewalk along Depot Street and Johnson Street Extension. They have applied for a Transportation Enhancement Grant through VTrans. M. Isselhardt has requested a letter of support from the Selectboard for this project. In addition, they are requesting an article be placed on this year’s warning asking for \$5,000.00 from the voters.

A. Cusson made the motion, seconded by R. Lanphear, to authorize Chairman S. Griswold, to write and sign a letter of support for this project. Passed unanimously.

DRB & Planning Commission – G. Govoni & Greg Paus:

No discussion as G. Govoni was called out on a mountain rescue call and G. Paus was called out of town.

State of Vermont – Mike Young:

M. Young from the Vermont Army National Guard gave an update on the proposed construction of a Field Maintenance Shop and Readiness Center. Their plan is to consolidate two field maintenance shops into one and construct a new Readiness Center to replace the Morrisville Armory. They are looking at a 40 acre parcel on Rt. 100 bordering Hyde Park/Eden Town Line. If all goes well construction would begin late 2011 or early 2012. Discussion included traffic and impact on the highway, additional jobs, tax revenue, etc.

S. Griswold stated to Mr. Young that before the Selectboard gives their support for this project they would like to hear comments from the community first.

Concerns regarding Center Road – Claudia Dicicco:

C. Dicicco presented the Selectboard with pictures of Center Road. She felt that paving made the cracks worse. S. Griswold explained to Ms. Dicicco that the road had not been paved but chip sealed, explaining the difference. He added that the chip sealing will eventually pack down, especially in the cracks.

A. Cusson will contact Steve from The Gorman Group and they will take a look at the road together.

Zoning Office:

R. Heath presented a draft copy of the Municipal Service Coordinator job description. Several applications were received. R. Heath will get together with Graham Govoni and Greg Paus to review the applications. In the meantime, Mary Walz has volunteered to fill in as interim zoning administrator until someone is hired for this position. A. Cusson made the motion, seconded by D. Gagnier to appoint Mary Walz as interim zoning administrator. Passed unanimously.

S. Griswold reported that there is still an opening on the Planning Commission. The question was raised as to whether or not to decrease the number of members on the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board from seven members down to five members. S. Griswold also reported that the Town Plan will be finalized in November and that two public hearings will have to be scheduled. S. Munroe from LCPC will be contacted to advertise these public hearings. S. Griswold will attend a meeting at LCPC regarding the Wildfire Protection Plan on August 31st if we haven't hired a municipal service coordinator by that date.

Building Renovation Update:

A. Cusson gave an update on the exterior renovations. There was one change order regarding the exterior lighting for \$385.00. Motion made by R. Lanphear, seconded by A. Cusson to have S. Griswold sign the change order. Passed unanimously. The Selectboard is pleased with the work being done by Baker Construction. There was discussion regarding what needs to be done to the downstairs conference room to bring it up to code.

Water Cooler Quotes:

K. Moulton distributed quotes for a water cooler. The Selectboard asked her to look into buying a water cooler locally and to ask each vendor if they would be willing to give us a cooler and we pay for the water.

Minutes of July 8 & July 16:

R. Heath made the motion, seconded by D. Gagnier to approve the minutes of July 8th and 16th. Passed unanimously.

Highway Discussion:

Brook Road Flood Damage – after a very heavy flood the culvert on the Brook Road was destroyed. A. Cusson met with Jim Cota from AOT who informed Allen that replacing the culvert will not be allowed and will have to be replaced with a bridge, estimated cost - \$140,000. The town has submitted a claim with our deductible being 10% of the winter budget. We would have to come up with \$32,000. S. Griswold informed the Board Members that we could use the town's surplus (from '09-'10 budget) to help defray the cost of the bridge, however, this issue would have to be brought before the voters at a special meeting. A. Cusson will write the warning for the special meeting and D. Slayton will get it into the local papers asap.

Garfield Road & Green River Dam Intersection:

The intersection at Garfield Road and Green River Dam Road has a high level of incidents. The Agency of Transportation is working on a plan to correct this intersection with no cost to the Town.

Speed Limit Request:

Sue Roberge has requested that an additional speed limit sign be placed coming up to West Main Street from the Ten Bends Road.

Fireworks Permit:

Michael Giglio, from Common Acres Campground has requested a fireworks permit. It was the concensus of the Board that the town also needs a policy in place to include, who is actually responsible for the handling of the fireworks along with required proof of insurance. It was also agreed that permits should be applied for 35 days before the event so that the Selectboard can approve them in a timely manner as they meet monthly. S. Griswold will review the permit and draft a policy and forward it to the town's attorney for review. There was no motion to approve Mr. Giglio's fireworks permit.

Financials:

The financials were reviewed by the Selectboard. The Board asked K. Moulton to put three line items (Highway Dept) into the "inactive" account.

Selectboard Orders:

The orders were reviewed. The Selectboard asked D. Slayton to check with VLCT regarding the town's deductible for a windshield replacement, and to hold Gorman's check until the chip seal issue is resolved. They also asked her to hold the check to County Plumbing & Heating to inquire as to why the bill was so costly to clean the furnace at the Fire Station. With that said, R. Lanphear made the motion to approve the orders, with a second by S. Griswold. Passed unanimously.

It was reported that someone has offered \$4,000 to buy the old fire truck and that the \$4,000 should be put into a capital fund.

VLCT Annual Meeting:

The VLCT Annual Meeting is coming up in October and it was suggested that the new municipal service coordinator attend.

Other Business:

There being no other business, R. Heath made the motion, seconded by A. Cusson to go into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:39 p.m. with no action taken.

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R. Heath made the motion, seconded by A. Cusson to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Dawn M. Slayton
Ass't. Town Clerk