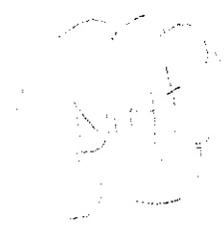


TOWN OF HYDE PARK  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2009



Selectboard members present: S. Griswold, D. Nash, R. Lanphear, R. Heath.

Others present: D. Slayton, K. Moulton, J. Compagna, B. Rossmassler, E. Webster, K. Audet, L. Martin, S. Bartlett, G. Anderson, M. Locke.

1. S. Griswold called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed Representative Linda Martin. There was a question and answer period between Representative Martin and the Selectboard members. Some of the topics discussed were: cutbacks in highways funds, the judicial system, taxes, and changes in the retirement system.
2. Bill Rossmassler from LCPC spoke on the new changes for isolation distances for septic systems and leach fields. He distributed a two page informational sheet and discussed it with the members of the Selectboard. Bill also informed the Selectboard that additional information can be obtained off their website.
3. Glenna Pound, CPA reviewed the compilation results for the audit ending June, 2008. Suggestions included: review all town components as they need to be in the financial reports; review capital assets and all town buildings, recommendation of spreadsheets; the recording of all sales and purchases, and review all town policies as there is always room for improvement. Kim will work with Glenna on these recommendations. Glenna will be working on the 2009 audit starting the first of November.
4. Senator S. Bartlett joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m. She gave an overview of what the Appropriations Committee has been working on that included: the gas tax, the cutting back of programs, why revenue is down, budgeting process, and state retirement.
5. Ed Webster gave an update on the purchase for the new fire truck. The cab and chassis is being purchased from Clark's Truck Center and the remainder purchased from Valley Fire Equipment. D. Nash made a motion with a second by R. Heath to have the chairman sign the contract. Unanimously approved.
6. M. Locke informed the Selectboard members that the St. of VT. has just got around to billing him for permits (2007) for the North Hyde Park Industrial Park. The bill was for \$831.00 that Marvin said he would pay himself. However, the State requires those associated with the Industrial Park to complete an application to maintain the stormwater permit in addition to paying a portion of the cost each year. The Town would be involved as they took over the road. (See copy of letter from the State). Marvin is working with his attorney to find out what paperwork needs to be done. It was the consensus that maybe an association would have to be formed to include articles of association, bylaws, an elected administrator to collect the fees, etc. As soon as Marvin receives information back from Attorney Polow, he will share it with the Selectboard.

In the meantime, S. Griswold suggested J. Compagna talk to VLCT Attorney Steve Stitzel for clarification regarding this matter.

M. Locke also asked the Selectboard if he is to continue to reverse the interest of \$5.00 and under (concern from the auditor) when a promised payment crosses in the mail immediately after interest has been posted. (Ex: promised payment received on the 16th after interest was posted on the 15th). It was determined that these small amounts can be abated through the Board of Abatement, if necessary.

M. Locke also informed the Selectboard that a tax sale will be scheduled at the end of the month.

7. The list of non-taxable parcels was reviewed and discussed. A question was asked as to whether or not the Town would have to pay the education tax on these parcels. G. Anderson, lister, said no as these parcels are exempt by law. (See exemption information attached to the list of non-taxable parcels.)

8. As the meeting was running late, item #6 -- firework permits was tabled until the November meeting.

9. Item # 7 -- VFW Drive was also tabled until next month. S. Griswold asked K. Moulton to get a printout of what has and hasn't been paid to date.

10. S. Griswold gave an update on the town and village office renovations. If all goes well, the village will be moving back upstairs on the 28th and the town will be moving up the 29th. S. Griswold will be getting estimates for the outside of the building.

11. The Selectboard will take home their copy of the financial reports to review as the meeting was running late.

12. Motion made by R. Heath and seconded by R. Lanphear to sign the Selectboard Orders. Unanimously approved.

13. Motion made by R. Heath and seconded by R. Lanphear to accept the September 10th meeting minutes. Unanimously approved. The September 17th minutes will be approved at the next Selectboard Meeting on November 12th.

14. The Town Administrator's Report was reviewed.

15. Other business included: The Town received two bids for the culvert repair in Garfield which were opened by Chairman S. Griswold. The first bid was from Blow and Cote, to which they thanked the Town for the opportunity, however, declined because of

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liability issues (see letter). The second bid was from Tatro Brothers with a bid of \$9,500 with the stipulation the town be responsible for diverting the river, if not, it would be \$12,300. S. Griswold asked J. Compagna to ask K. Alexander his opinion. Julia will also total up the actual cost related to the FEMA flood project.

The Village Improvement Committee has requested a sign be placed at the top of Johnson Street Extension to direct traffic to Route 15. The consensus was that it really wasn't necessary.

Village Improvement also requested the branches be trimmed back on the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Main Street so the sign could be visible. R. Lanphear will ask K. Alexander to remove them.

R. Lanphear reported two dead trees on Black Farm Road in the town right-of-way that should be cut down. He will meet with the landowner and then ask Ken Alexander to remove them.

D. Nash will serve as the Town's Green-up Coordinator for 2010.

The Selectboard went into Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. and were out by consensus at 9:51 p.m. No action taken.

The Selectboard agreed to close the office when they get ready to move back upstairs as long as it is advertised in the local papers.

R. Heath made the motion with a second by R. Lanphear to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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Ass't. Town Clerk